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	„ „	Lv. 11.35 „	„	„	„
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	Mukden „ Ar.	0.45 a.m.	„	„ „
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FOOTBALL.

MATCHES FOR TO-DAY.

R.E. *v.* R.G.A. (U.S.L.), at Military ground, 4 p.m. Referee: Mr. F. W. Eager.

Hongkong Club *v.* Navy (U.S.L.), at Club ground, 4.30 p.m. Referee: Mr. F. W. Wright.

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According to the *Yorodzu*, Japan's trade with Great Britain for the past three years is as follows:—

	Exports. Yen.	Imports. Yen.
1912	29,700,000	116,000,000
1913	32,860,000	122,000,000
1914	33,050,000	92,000,000

CHINA'S FINANCES.

SIR R. DANE TO MANAGE LAND TAX REFORM.

In Peking, says the *Daily Telegraph* correspondent, great satisfaction is expressed at the manner in which the Chinese finance has come through 1914. The Customs revenue only shows a decrease of 5,000,000 taels, although the paralysis which has overcome the silver market makes a decrease of the gold terms amount to nearly £1,500,000. All foreign obligations secured on the Customs revenues are fully met to December 31st by increasing the salt gabelle quotas. This latter administration is improving wonderfully under Sir Richard Dane's guidance.

Though the annual accounts for 1914 have not yet been closed, the total certainly touches $50,000,000, say, £4,000,000. Only half of this amount is absorbed by the loan services, and the rest is handed over to the Peking Government. The railway accounts, on which nearly £50,000,000 is secured, are eminently satisfactory. The loss through the war on many lines is nearly *nil*, and ample credits are already ready for the 1915 services. One unsatisfactory feature remains—namely, the manner in which the Central Government accounts fail to balance, owing to the unreformed nature of the general provincial taxation.

In this connection I have a most important announcement to make. As the result of Sir Richard Dane's salt success, the land tax reform will be confided to his hands. Though it will be necessary to proceed with the utmost caution, as this is the Gordian knot of Chinese finance, it is believed that, with the aid of Indian experts, Chinese land taxation should produce a minimum of £20,000,000, fully rehabilitating Chinese credit. The mercantile position is now excellent.

HONGKONG SHARE MARKET.

Messrs. Vernon & Smyth in their weekly share report dated 19th February state:—

We this week resume the issue of our circular, discontinued on the outbreak of the war in Europe and the consequent closing of the London and local Stock Exchanges. These Exchanges have now re-opened for cash business, and a fair demand for local investment securities has developed. Business, however, is at present on a very limited scale, due more to the absence of sellers, even at the advanced rates now current, than to the dearth of buying orders, the general position being firm for all dividend-paying stocks, the tendency in which is towards further improvement, if anything.

Business on the London Stock Exchange is quiet, due doubtless to the stringent restrictions imposed on its members by the Governing Committee, and beyond the demand for Shells at 85/- we have nothing to report in this section.

LOCALLY.—The demand for Hongkong Banks has been a fairly persistent one, and with small sales at intervening rates the quotation has advanced from $750 to $810, at which there are still buyers.

MARINE INSURANCES.—Cantons are wanted at $350, Unions at $825, North Chinas at Tls. 160, and Yangtszes at $225.

FIRE INSURANCES.—Chinas are a quiet market at $150, but there are buyers of Hongkongs at $395, and a slightly higher rate might possibly be paid.

SHIPPING.—China and Manilas are in request at $6, and Hongkong, Canton and Macaos at $23 after sales at $21½ and $22. There are buyers of Shells at 85/- and sellers of Douglases at $29 and of Indo-Chinas at $66 without any business to report. Star Ferries can be obtained at $38.

REFINERIES.—China Sugars have advanced from $100 to $108 with small sales at these and intermediate rates during the week, the market closing firm with buyers at the latter quotation and no shares on offer under $110. Luzons have also improved and can now be placed at $18½ after sales.

MINING AND OILS.—Raubs have been done at $3½ and more shares are procurable. Langkats have been booked at Tls. 40 and Tls. 41, and more shares could probably be placed at the higher rate.

DOCKS, WHARVES AND GODOWNS.—Hongkong and Whampoa Docks are neglected and close with a nominal quotation of $57. Hongkong and Kowloon Wharves are firm with buyers at $69, but no shares appear to be available under $70. There are buyers of Shanghai Docks at Tls. 51, and of Shanghai and Hongkew Wharves at Tls. 90.

LANDS, HOTELS AND BUILDINGS.—Hongkong Lands are quiet but firm at $110. There are buyers of Central Estates at $95, and of Hongkong Hotels at $124. There are sellers of Humphreys Estates at $7. Kowloon Lands and West Points close quiet but steady at $41 and $68½ respectively.

COTTON MILLS.—We have no business to report in this section, but all descriptions close in strong demand at quotations.

MISCELLANEOUS.—China Borneos are wanted at $10½, China Providents at $8, Ropes at $25, and Electrics at $41. Cements have been done at $5½, and Hongkong Trams at $5.10, the latter closing in further request.

MEMOS.—Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, ordinary half-yearly meeting to-day, 20th instant. Humphreys Estate and Finance Co., Ltd., annual general meeting to-day, 20th instant. China Provident Loan and Mortgage Co., Ltd., annual ordinary meeting, 26th instant. Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Ltd., annual ordinary meeting on the 4th March. Hongkong Hotel Co., Ltd., ordinary half-yearly meeting on the 27th instant.

SPECIAL POLICE RESERVE.

All members of the 1st British Company will attend at the Peak Range (200 yards) at 2.30 p.m. to-day for musketry practice.

HONGKONG VOLUNTEERS.

ORDERS BY MAJOR D. MACDONALD.

JOINED.

1.—The undermentioned having joined the Corps are allotted Corps numbers and posted as follows:—
No. 1757 Sapper R. Pass to Engineer Company.
No. 1758 Private L. Gull to Scouts Company.

LEAVE.

2.—Sergt. P. F. Lonfestey has been granted leave of absence from 26th February, 1915, to 26th February, 1916.
Lieut. R. Hall has been granted leave of absence from 28th February, 1915, to 31st March, 1915.
Sergt. D. S. Cooper has been granted leave of absence from 1st March, 1915, to 1st March, 1916.

ALARM POSTS.

3.—Members of the Corps are reminded that Volunteers living at the places mentioned below assemble as follows, where they will await further orders:
Peak.—At Victoria Gap (on Chamberlain Road outside the Peak Hotel).
Victoria.—On the road between the Law Courts and the Cricket Ground.
Kowloon.—Outside the Ferry Wharf.
Quarry Bay.—At the main gate of the Sugar Refinery.
The senior at each place will be responsible that the names of all attending are taken and afterwards forwarded to Volunteer Headquarters.

PARADES.

4.—Parades for to-day (Saturday): *Nil.*

DETAIL.

5.—Orderly Officer: Lieut. Weall.
Orderly Sergeant: Sergt. Bullock.
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General Von Moltke, in an interview in Berlin, said that Russia and France had entered Great Britain's service, and the latter was aiming at the extermination of German shipping, commerce, and industry. Germany had 3,000,000 more soldiers and the war would last until the enemy had had enough. Everybody, from prince to pauper, was filled with a determination to see the thing through at any price.

JAPAN'S SHORT-TERM LOANS

A CONVERSION LOAN TO BE ARRANGED IN LONDON.

The authorities of the Finance Department are quoted by the *Jiji* as announcing, with regard to the five per cent. Railway Bonds amounting to £1,500,000, and the 4.75 per cent. Railway Bonds amounting to £2,500,000, both of which were raised in London by the last Seiyukai-Yamamoto Cabinet, in the form of short-term loans, that it has been provisionally arranged between Mr. Mori Japan's Financial Commissioner in London, and the British underwriters interested, that to replace these loans the Japanese Government should issue in London a Conversion Loan amounting to £3,000,000, and the balance of £1,000,000 be redeemed in cash. The authorities add that the new Conversion Loan will be redeemable after one year. As to the rate of interest and other particulars, negotiations are now proceeding in London.

The same paper publishes a Kyoto dispatch reporting that Mr. Wakatsuki, Minister of Finance, who arrived there recently in connection with the forthcoming General Election, has stated that the Japanese short-term loans amounting to £4,000,000, one bearing 5 per cent. the other 4.75 per cent., will shortly be redeemed in the form of a Conversion Loan. Having already obtained permission of the British authorities, it is possible that Japan will issue a Conversion Loan for £3,000,000, and the balance be redeemed in cash, the funds for which will be drawn from the National Debt Redemption Fund. An official announcement to this effect will be made in a few days. It may be noted that the periods of the 4.75 per cent. and the 5 per cent. short-term loans expire on the 16th instant and the 13th proximo respectively.—*Japan Gazette.*

JAPAN RESIDENT'S DIVORCE SUIT.

CASE IN THE LONDON COURT.

The following extract from a London paper refers to a well-known resident of Japan:—

"A merchant of the Orient, Mr. Victor Francis Thiennette de Berigny, was married at the United States Consulate, Tokyo, Japan, a week before Christmas of 1895. His wife, an American by birth, afterwards had two children. It was not a happy union, the wife being described as a lady with a violent temper, who did exactly as she liked and not as her husband liked. In 1907, Mr. de Berigny's health broke down. He was in hospital out in Japan, where he carried on business, and finally had to come home to England. He journeyed *vid* Siberia, and from that time had never seen his wife. The reason was that he had arranged with his solicitors to draw up a deed of separation, and before he returned to the East she had signed it and gone away. Quite recently Mr. de Berigny discovered that his wife had given birth to a child in March, 1908, of which he was not the father. On this ground he now filed a divorce petition alleging misconduct with a man unknown. The birth of the infant in a house at Kennington Oval, London, was proved, and a *decree nisi* was granted."

THE LOSS OF THE "ASAMA."

HOW THE ACCIDENT HAPPENED.

A San Francisco message of the 6th inst. to the *Asahi* says:—

"Later messages concerning the wreck of the *Asami* show that she struck an uncharted shoal as long ago as the afternoon of January 30th. The shoal is situated at the mouth of a certain bay, which she tried to enter for coaling, accompanied by a British steamer. The cruiser was going at a speed of 10 knots, and the rock, which lay 12 feet below the surface, bored a hole 15 feet long in her bow. She stuck fast, and partially broke up the next day (Sunday) during a storm. Her condensers refused to work a few hours after she went aground.

"The U.S.S. *Raleigh* arrived on the scene of the wreck yesterday, while the *Santiago*, the flagship of the American Pacific Fleet, which received the news off Ensenada, has also hastened to the scene.

"Five hundred of the *Asama's* crew landed on the coast of Lower California. They will be conveyed home aboard the *Izumo* and *Hizen*. The *Santiago* and *Raleigh* will leave the wreck when they are relieved by Japanese cruisers."

A New York message of the 7th to the *Chuo* says:—

It is reported from San Diego that the refloating of the *Asama* is hopeless. The aft part of her hull is already submerged, and the other half is sinking. None of the officers and crew were injured. The officers and crew were picked up by the two other Japanese cruisers, the *Hizen* and *Izumo*.

A portion of the vessel remained above water till this morning. The American cruiser *Santiago* is standing by the sinking warship.

JAPANESE UNDERTAKE SALVAGE.

A Washington telegram sent on the 8th inst. stated:—

The U.S. cruisers *San Diego* and *Raleigh* are returning, having learned that two Japanese warships at least and one Japanese collier had reached the scene of the recent accident and taken charge of the salvage operations of the *Asama*. Admiral Howard's offers of aid were declined.

BRITISH TRADE FAIR.

The Board of Trade will hold a British Trade Fair at the Agricultural Hall, London, from May 18th to June 1st, of samples of British manufactures exhibited by manufacturers limited to toys, fancy goods, earthenware, glassware, cutlery, electro-plate, clocks, common jewellery, paper and stationery. Buyers going to the Fa- should communicate on arrival direct with the Board of Trade, British Industries Fair, 32, Cheapside, London, E.C.

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STOLEN MONEY TRACED.

WRAPPED IN SWEDISH NEWSPAPER.

At the Criminal Sessions yesterday, before Mr. Justice Gompertz, Toi Hoi was charged with being concerned, with others not in custody, in a gang robbery at a Chinese house at Mong Kok Chun village, Yaumati, on the 6th January. The property alleged to have been stolen consisted of $454 in money and a considerable amount of jewellery.

The prisoner pleaded not guilty, and the following jury were empanelled:—Messrs. John Gloyn (foreman), F. Reichmann, John Wattie, A. H. G. Jackson, F. M. X. da Figueirido, R. E. Atwell, and F. J. V. Jorge.

The Crown Solicitor (Mr. P. M. Hodgson), prosecuting, said that this was one of those gang robberies which were, unhappily, so frequent about the time of Chinese New Year. Six men broke into the house of the complainant, who was a widow, just after midnight. The house was occupied by the widow, her son, daughter-in-law, mother-in-law, grandson, grand-daughter, and cousin. At the time of the robbery they had in the house a pretty large sum of money in small coins, and also a certain amount of jewellery. The chief witness would be the widow, who would swear that she knew the prisoner, and that he was one of the robbers. She would say that two of the robbers had revolvers, one a knife, and two others torches, and that the prisoner also carried an axe. The men appeared to have attacked the complainant's son rather severely. He was a man of about 20, and he was stabbed with a knife, and struck on the temple with a revolver. The daughter-in-law of the complainant would say that she did not know the prisoner, but that she could recognise him as being one of the robbers. The money had been traced through the fact that it was wrapped up in rolls in pieces of Swedish newspaper. A number of rolls were found in prisoner's cubicle, where he was arrested. Other rolls were wrapped up in brown paper and English newspaper, and the widow would identify these rolls. He (the Crown Solicitor) had further evidence that the rolls did in fact come from the complainant's house. Acting-Inspector Brown visited the house, and there found pieces of Swedish newspaper, of exactly the same kind of paper as that in which the money was wrapped. The prisoner's statement in answer to the charge was a denial of the charge, and an affirmation that he was a poultry dealer. That admission was somewhat important, as the complainant would say that she knew him as a poultry dealer because he had sold chickens to her.

Mr. H. Sieling, manager of the Orient Tobacco Co., said that the pieces of paper which were wrapped round the ten cent pieces were from a Swedish newspaper. The two newspapers produced were also Swedish.

The prisoner made a long statement in which he alleged that he was the possessor of an extensive poulterer's business, which, during a successful year, brought him in about $8,000. If his lordship did not believe it, he could "ask the policeman." On the day he was arrested he went to Kowloon to collect his debts, and he was apprehended when he was sitting with some of his friends. The money which it was alleged he had stolen was money which had been saved by his wife. He also stated that he never went out at nights, always remaining in to make up his accounts, and added, "I have such a big business; there is no need for me to rob other people."

Prisoner in reply to his lordship said that he had four witnesses, and he also wished to call his wife to say that the money was really her savings.

Mr. Hodgson remarked that the woman was in gaol on another charge, but his lordship instructed that she should be called on the following day.

His lordship then re-called complainant, who, in reply to questions regarding prisoner's alleged big business, declared that he had no *fokis*, that he brought the poultry around himself, and that she even had to lend him her own scales.

Several witnesses were called by prisoner who supported his story that he was in a big way of business.

The hearing was subsequently adjourned.

COLLISION IN SHIMONOSEKI STRAITS.

JAPANESE SHIP SINKS AFTER COLLISION.

At 6.10 on the evening of the 8th inst. the *Yachi Maru*, 378 tons, collided with the Eastern and Australasian Steamship Company's steamer *Aldenham*. The Japanese vessel caught fire and sank almost immediately. No lives were lost. The *Aldenham* sustained slight damage.—*Nagasaki Press.*

PEAK SCHOOL PRIZE-GIVING.

Lady May gracefully distributed the prizes to the children attending the Peak School yesterday, the ceremony taking place in the lounge of the Peak Hotel. Among those present were the Director of Education (Mr. T. K. Draly), the Bishop of Victoria, Mr. E. T. Williams, and a large number of parents.

The annual report of the Headmistress (Mrs. Main) was as follows:—

The Peak School was reopened on January 6th, (1914,) in temporary premises at the Peak Hotel. Eight former pupils of a small private school which had been carried on for some time in the house of a resident of the Peak formed the nucleus around which the present numbers have grown. In all forty-one children have passed through the school, and the year closed with 33 pupils on the roll and thirty in actual attendance. Eleven pupils have left the school; of these, seven have left the Colony, two have removed to Kowloon, one left on account of ill-health and one child was removed without reasons given.

Staff.—The staff has consisted of one head and one assistant mistress. In July Miss Skinner arrived from Home to take up her duties as assistant mistress, when Miss Stevenson, who had filled the position temporarily, was transferred to the Belilios School.

Classification.—With children of such varying ages and with the limited staff of the school, the classification of the pupils has been a somewhat difficult problem. In the Lower School, the assistant mistress arranged the pupils into three separate classes, while in the adjoining class room children between the ages of seven and 12 were taught by the head mistress.

Work.—The work generally has been of a most elementary character; a modified form of kindergarten was adopted with the young children, while the older classes did the work of the lower remove classes of an ordinary English school. The subjects taught to the bigger children included Holy Scriptures, reading, writing, numbers, dictation and composition, written and oral history, geography, drawing and brushwork and needlework for the girls. A special feature of the teaching has been the use of the direct method of teaching French by means of songs, recitations and simple conversations.

Drill.—The need of a suitable open space for physical exercise has been greatly felt. In the case of the boys this has fortunately been partially overcome by the appointing of a scout master to teach drill after school hours twice a week.

Discipline.—On the whole the discipline is now satisfactory, although at the beginning of the year the older boys were a good deal out of hand and were very fond of rough play, which ended frequently in injury to themselves and others. To prevent this it was found necessary to separate the small children from the older boys in their play-time. It is to be regretted that there are so few girls in the school, as their presence has generally the effect of making boys less rough.

Prior to the distribution the children musically rendered several delightful little songs in French and English, while songs and recitations were given by the following:—Rohan Williams, Alice Morton, Annie Miller, and Eileen Stubbings.

Prizes were awarded to the following:—Paddy Tisdall (reading and spelling), Alice Barton (French and dictation and composition), Davis Beattie (arithmetic), James Bonnar (arithmetic, reading and writing), Eileen Stubbings (conduct and needlework), Rohan Williams (arithmetic), Veronica Butterfield (regular attendance and general improvement), Alfred Lammert (good conduct), Annie Miller (attendance and drawing), Charles Morton (geography, history and general knowledge), Purcell Skelton (reading and spelling), Barbara James (arithmetic), Josephine Coppin (general progress), John Lander (general intelligence), James Messer (arithmetic), Sheila Tisdall (needlework and form), Ian Grant Smith (drawing), Nellie Maskie (steady work), Lucy Morton (arithmetic), Eileen Bonnar (reading), Harry Morton (general progress), Jack Miller (reading and recitation), Ronald Danby (perseverance in work), Hilda Butterfield (drawing). Consolation prizes were given to the six youngest children in the school, having joined this term, namely, Hamish Forsyth, Ben Humphreys, Violet Martin, W. Kien, Ronald Armstrong, and Henry Butterfield.

Certificates of merit were also given to those who had made satisfactory progress during the term.

After handing the children their awards, Lady May expressed the very great pleasure which it gave her to be there on that occasion. She thought the School had been most successful, and hoped that next year the scholars would receive their prizes in the big schools.

Miss Sheila M. Tisdall, daughter of Mr. G. N. Tisdall, then presented Lady May with a charming bouquet.

The proceedings concluded with the singing of England's Battle Hymn, which runs as follows:—

O! God of battles, Lord of Might,
Who judgest all within Thy sight,
An Empire pleads with Thee this night.
Send him victorious.

A King who only asked for peace,
Whose Empire gave the slave release,
Who bade the shell and famine cease,
Send him victorious.

O! Thou, who hast no caste nor creed,
Be with us in our hour of need,
A hundred nations with Thee plead,
Send him victorious.

Be with us Lord, lest we forget
How hard the task that Thou hast set;
"For George and England" stirs us yet,
Send him victorious.

The Berlin correspondent of the *Telegraaf* states that Indian prisoners in a concentration camp near Berlin will shortly be transported to Turkey, with other Moslem contingents.

GERMANY'S RETALIATION.

"EVERY ENEMY MERCHANTMAN WILL BE SUNK."

BERLIN, February 4th.

The following is the full text of the memorandum of the German Government announcing "retaliation against the measures taken by England in violation of the international law to neutral sea commerce with Germany:—

"Since the beginning of the present war Great Britain has carried on a mercantile warfare against Germany in a way that defies all the principles of international law. It is true that the British Government has announced in a number of decrees the London declaration concerning naval warfare to be binding on its naval forces, but in reality it has renounced the declarations in its most important particulars. Although her own delegates at the London conference on naval warfare had recognized its conclusions to be valid as international law, the British Government has put a number of articles in the list of contraband which are not or at most only indirectly useful for military purposes and, therefore, according to the London declaration, as well as according to the universally recognized rules of international law, may not be designated as contraband. It has further actually abolished the distinction between absolute and relative contraband, inasmuch as it has subjected to capture all articles of relative contraband intended for Germany, without reference to the harbour in which they are to be unloaded or to the hostile or peaceful use to which they are to be put. The British Government does not even hesitate to violate the Paris declaration, as the naval forces of Great Britain have seized on neutral ships German property that was not contraband. In violation of her own desires concerning the London declaration Great Britain has further through her naval forces taken from neutral ships numerous Germans liable to military service and has made them prisoners of war. Finally she has declared the entire North Sea to be an area of war, and, if she has not made impossible the passage of neutral shipping through the sea between Scotland and Norway, she has rendered it so difficult and so dangerous, that she has to a certain extent effected a blockade of neutral coasts and neutral ports, in violation of all international law. All these measures have the obvious purpose, through the illegal paralysis of legitimate neutral commerce, not only to strike at German military strength but also at the economic life of Germany and finally through starvation doom the entire population of Germany to destruction.

ACQUIESCENCE OF NEUTRAL POWERS.

The neutral Powers have generally acquiesced in the steps taken by the English Government; especially they have not succeeded in inducing the British Government to restore German individuals and property seized in violation of international law. In certain directions they have also aided the measures which are irreconcilable with the freedom of the sea in that they have, obviously under the pressure of England, hindered by export and transit embargoes the transit of wares for peaceful purposes to Germany. The German Government has in vain called the attention of neutral Powers to the fact that it must face the question of whether it can longer persevere in its hitherto strict observance of the rules of the London declaration, if Great Britain were to continue its course and neutral Powers were to continue to acquiesce in these violations of neutrality to the detriment of Germany. For her violations of international law Great Britain pleads the vital interests which the British Empire has at stake, and the neutral Powers seem to satisfy themselves with theoretical protest. Therefore, in fact they accept the vital interest of belligerents as sufficient excuse for every method of warfare. Germany must now appeal to these same vital interests. To her regret she therefore sees herself forced to military measures, aimed at England in retaliation against the English procedure. Just as England has designated the area between Scotland and Norway as an area of war, so Germany now declares all the waters surrounding Great Britain and Ireland including the entire English Channel as an area of war, thus proceeding against the shipping of the enemy for this purpose, beginning February 18th, 1915. Germany will endeavour to destroy every enemy merchantship that is found in this area of war without its always being possible to avert the peril that thus threatens persons and cargoes. Neutrals are therefore warned against further entrusting crews, passengers and wares to British ships. Their attention is also called to the fact that it is advisable for their ships to avoid entering this area: for, even though the German naval forces have instructions to avoid violence to neutral ships in so far as they are recognizable, in view of the misuse of neutral flags, ordered by the British Government, and the contingencies of naval warfare, their becoming victims of torpedoes, directed against the enemy ships, cannot always be avoided. At the same time it is specially noted that shipping North of Shetland Islands in the eastern area of the North Sea and in a strip of at least 30 sea miles in the width along the Netherlands coast is not imperilled.

The German Government gives such early notice of these measures, that hostile as well as neutral ships may have time accordingly to adapt their plans for landing at ports in this area of war. The German Government may expect that the neutral Powers will show no less consideration for the vital interests of Germany than for those of England and will aid in keeping their citizens and the property of the latter from this area. This is the more to be expected, as it must be to the interest of the neutral Powers to see this destructive war end as soon as possible.

The Berlin *Lokalanzeiger* in an article headed "A Retrospect," states:—"We must admit that Great Britain has proved her will to conquer, which we honour. The Frenchmen have displayed praiseworthy military qualities, and their Commander-in-Chief, General Joffre, must be ranked among the most excellent of generals. The Russians have displayed extraordinary tenacity, and their artillery has shown unexpected accuracy."

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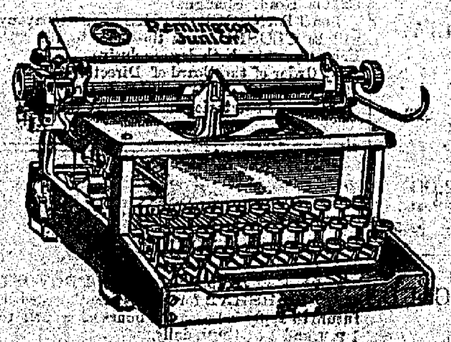

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By Order,
A. R. LOWE,
Secretary.
Hongkong, 19th February, 1915. [308

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N.B.—NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a large proportion of the Receipts accruing to the Club will be donated to the PRINCE OF WALES' NATIONAL RELIEF FUND. A Grant will also be made to the HONGKONG LADIES' BENEVOLENT FUND to assist in meeting cases of distress caused by the War.

T. F. HOUGH,
Clerk of the Course.
Hongkong, 17th February, 1915. [296

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T. F. HOUGH,
Clerk of the Course.
Hongkong, 17th February, 1915. [297

HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

PASSES for Servants will be issued on application to the Undersigned on SATURDAY, the 20th February.

No Servants will be allowed inside the ENCLOSURE of the Race Course during the Race Days WITHOUT TICKETS, which can be had on application to the Undersigned. These Tickets are only available for Servants while in attendance on their employers or when on duty at the various Stands.

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T. F. HOUGH,
Clerk of the Course.
Hongkong, 17th February, 1915. [298

PUBLIC COMPANIES

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ORDINARY ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the HONGKONG HOTEL, Hongkong, TO-DAY (SATURDAY), the 20th February, 1915, at 11.30 A.M., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1914.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 16th to the 28th February, 1915 (both days inclusive), during which period no Transfer of Shares can be effected.

JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON,
General Managers.
Hongkong, 12th February, 1915. [284

HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ORDINARY HALF-YEARLY MEETING of the SHAREHOLDERS in this Corporation will be held at the CITY HALL, Hongkong, TO-DAY (SATURDAY), the 20th day of February, 1915, at NOON, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Court of Directors together with a Statement of Accounts to 31st December, 1914.

The REGISTER of SHARES of the Corporation will be CLOSED from MONDAY, the 8th February, to SATURDAY, the 20th February, 1915 (both days inclusive), during which period no Transfer of Shares can be Registered.

By Order of the Court of Directors,
N. J. STABB,
Chief Manager.
Hongkong, 3rd February, 1915. [249

THE CHINA PROVIDENT LOAN AND MORTGAGE CO., LTD.

THE EIGHTEENTH ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in the Company will be held at the Offices of the Company, St. George's Building, No. 6 Connaught Road, on FRIDAY, the 26th February, 1915, at 11.30 A.M., for the purpose of receiving Statement of Accounts and the Report of the General Managers for the year ending 31st December, 1914.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from MONDAY, the 22nd February, 1915, until FRIDAY, the 26th February, 1915, both days inclusive.

SHEWAN, TOMES & Co.,
General Managers.
Hongkong, 12th February, 1915. [290

ANGLO-JAVA ESTATES, LIMITED.

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By Order of the Board of Directors,
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Secretaries and General Managers.
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NOTICE.

ALL Persons applying to the PROVOST MARSHAL for Passes are requested in future to apply between the hours of 9 A.M. to 1 P.M. and 2 to 4 P.M. daily.

Hongkong, 16th February, 1915. [292

NOTICE.

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NO. 6, STEWART TERRACE, PEAK, from April to October.

W. L. CARTER.
Hongkong, 18th February, 1915. [302

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THE GROUND FLOOR of No. 6, DES VŒUX ROAD CENTRAL, occupied by Madame Gains, etc.

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GODOWN, No. 6, Duddell Street.

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LONDON OFFICE: 131, FLEET STREET, E.C.

The Daily Press.

HONGKONG, FEBRUARY 20TH, 1915.

HOW LONG WILL THE WAR LAST?

AFTER making some allowance for exaggeration, it is, we fear, tolerably certain from the telegram which we published yesterday from Berlin *vid* Amsterdam that, for the second time since the war began, the Russian forces have suffered a serious check at the hands of the Germans, although the news which has reached us from this quarter of Europe for some time past has been calculated to encourage the belief that the enemy's strength must have been considerably reduced by continuous casualties. Of course, it cannot be expected, even by the most airy optimist, that the fortunes of war will always flow in one direction, and there is nothing in the progress of events, so far as they have been revealed to us up to date, to justify any anxiety as to the ultimate triumph of the Allies. At the same time it is, perhaps, as well that we should be reminded occasionally that, though the enemy's original plans have been foiled and the crisis is over, it does not by any means follow, as many people appear to think, that his *morale* is destroyed and that his resources are at the point of exhaustion. It is necessary to remember that the Germans are a race possessing many of our own characteristics, included amongst which are a grim determination and a goodly conceit of themselves, and, unless in their military preparations they have shown a degree of carelessness entirely at variance with their general reputation for thoroughness, we may be sure that they are equipped for a stubborn defence. The moral force necessary to sustain troops against the ravages of physical exhaustion and depression arising from an enforced defensive may be lacking now, but it will return when they have been driven back to their own territory and realise that they are fighting, not for spoliation, but for all that they hold dear. The campaign is, therefore, likely to be a long and exhausting one, for, as Mr. AUSTIN HARRISON says in the *English Review*, the law of millions has reduced war to a trial of scientific weapons and physical endurance. The genius of war has gone. Crushing victories have become well-nigh unattainable in view of the masses concerned and the technical impossibility of rounding up a retreating Army, and the modern power of guns. It is to-day easier and infinitely less costly to act on the technical defensive—which is the negation of war. If we are to beat the Germans—and failure to secure the conditions necessary to civilization would amount to a negative victory, leading inevitably to the resumption of war at no very future date—the Allies will have to destroy their Armies, amounting eventually to some ten million men, will have to crush a spirit of war never before known in history. That is the military prospect before us. To deceive ourselves is simply to court failure. The Germans will fight till exhaustion lays the male fighting forces of the Empire prostrate. In reality, therefore, the war has only just begun. By way of consolation for this there is the fact that the longer the struggle endures the more complete will be the victory. But in the meantime the Allies will have to put forth their utmost efforts, and it is well that this should be realised, for the impression appears to prevail widely that the goal is already in sight. In point of fact, we are still a long, long way from Berlin, and we are living in a Fool's Paradise if we imagine that the road will be an easy one to traverse. True, there are not wanting signs that Germany is beginning to feel the effects of our Naval blockade, but the starvation of a State is a slow process. Any hopes based upon the belief that the German people will rise up against their rulers and open the gates to the invaders when they learn the real truth are foredoomed to disappointment. As a matter of fact, as Mr. HILAIRE BELLOC points out, nothing has happened so far calculated unduly to depress the German nation. Though their Armies have suffered very heavy casualties, they have been schooled to accept these resignedly as the price of war. We are too much inclined to pity their ignorance, while forgetful of the fact that all our own information at the moment filters through official sources and is apt to be rather colourless when it reaches us. For the first time in history the British people have consented to submit to a censorship in a spirit of patriotic self-sacrifice, but it is open to question whether the system has not so far exercised a more depressing effect upon recruiting than it has upon the enemy, who appears to be adequately supplied with his own sources of information. It is a paradoxical position for a country to be in which prides itself upon its democracy and relies upon the voluntary principle for its soldiers. To put it bluntly, we are witnessing the unedifying spectacle of "the British lion fighting this war in blinkers."

Mails for Europe *vid* Siberia close to-day at 11 a.m. and to-morrow (Sunday) at 9 a.m.

The next Missionary Medical Conference will be held at Canton.

No Chinese immigrants arrived at Singapore last month. In January, 1914, there were 19,088 arrivals.

A London telegram dated the 8th inst. says:—Linggi Plantations, Ltd., issue 100,000 shares at eight shillings premium.

The National Relief Committee at Amsterdam has received fl.784 from the Dutch Committee formed in Hongkong.

The case in which Tang Woon is suing the Consul-General for France (M. Gaston Liebert) for $1,000 has been fixed for hearing on Thursday next in the Summary Court.

A Chinese was recently sentenced at Yokohama to eighteen months' penal servitude for smoking opium. Accused stated that since May, 1902, when he was sentenced to eighteen months' imprisonment on a similar charge, he had never tasted opium. When arrested he said he was just going to take his first smoke since his release.

The Hon. Treasurer of the Alice Memorial and Affiliated Hospitals begs to acknowledge with thanks the following donations to the funds of the hospitals:—

Hongkong Electric Co., Ltd.	$250
Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Company, Limited	100
E. Pabaney	$25
Lawrence Gibbs	20
Hughes & Hough	10
C. E. Warren & Co.	10
Kelly & Walsh	10
Donnelly & White	10
J. M. Alves & Co.	10
D. W. Craddock	10
J. Lemm	10

Yesterday afternoon a large number of residents presented themselves at the Magistracy, and were sworn in by Mr. G. A. Woodcock as Special Constables.

Major Wallace, of the R.G.A., entertained about thirty friends to a dinner and dance at the Hongkong Hotel last evening. The Band of the 25th Punjabis rendered selections of music during dinner and played the dance music.

The old boys of the Diocesan School held a very enjoyable smoking concert last evening at the School, about 70 being present. In former years the old boys held an annual re-union, but latterly this has been allowed to lapse, and it was in response to a general desire for the resuscitation of this happy function that last night's "smoker" was held. The affair was most successful, and should become a hardy annual. Amongst those contributing to the programme were Messrs. R. G. Southerton, A. J. Mackie, S. Jex, W. Hall, and A. Kew.

The Japanese papers announce with deep regret the death of Mr. N. W. McIvor, a well-known and highly esteemed American resident of Yokohama. He came out to Japan about twenty years ago as Consul-General for Yokohama, which position he retained during Mr. Cleveland's administration. When the Republicans came into office Mr. McIvor returned to America, but came back to Japan and has since continued to practice law there. During the China-Japan war of 1894-5 Mr. McIvor held the Protectorate over the Chinese in Japan and was decorated by the Chinese Government with the Order of the Double Dragon. He was at one time President of the Yokohama United Club, and being of social, genial disposition and affable manner was a general favourite with all. He was an eloquent and attractive speaker. Mr. McIvor had been in a poor state of health for a year or more. He was 55 years of age.

It will be learnt by the Portuguese Community in Hongkong with great regret that Mr. J. J. Leiria has resigned his appointments as Consul for Portugal and Consul for Brazil in Hongkong. Mr. Leiria has been in full charge of these Consulates for the past eight years, and for six years previously was the Vice-Consul. It is scarcely necessary to say that in Hongkong where there is a large Portuguese community having constant communication with the neighbouring Portuguese Colony of Macao, the duties of the Consul for Portugal are by no means light, and it speaks volumes for the manner in which those duties have been carried out that Mr. Leiria's decision to resign the post has been received with general regret not only among his nationals but by all others who have had occasion to seek his help or advice. Mr. J. C. de Obaldia, Consul for Panama and Acting Consul for Guatemala takes over the duties of the Consulates which Mr. Leiria has relinquished.

A DESTRUCTIVE FIRE

AND AN INTERESTING SEQUEL.

A fire which broke out early yesterday at 180, Des Vœux Road Central, used by tailors, practically gutted the whole of the building—a four-story one. The origin of the fire is unknown, and the amount of damage cannot be assessed at present. Insurance had been effected with Messrs. W. G. Humphreys & Co. for $7,500.

There was an interesting sequel at the Magistracy later in the morning, when a Chinese fireman was charged with the theft of a roll of money. It is alleged that defendant was seen by another fireman to take up the money from a table in one of the burning rooms and put it in his pocket. The second fireman kept his own counsel until he reached the Central Police Station, when he reported the matter. Defendant was searched, and the money was found on him.

The case was remanded, defendant alleging that he met a clansman who owed him money, and that the clansman discharged his liability, the money found on him being that which was handed over by the clansman.

"FAUST" AT THE THEATRE ROYAL.

The production of Gounod's world-famed opera "Faust" at the Theatre Royal last night by the Italian Grand Opera Company attracted a very full house, which was most enthusiastically appreciative. M. Mauceri's "Mephistopheles" was a particularly powerful and impressive study. Mlle. Gonsalez carried out with great success the arduous rôle of Marguerite, while M. Dagradi fulfilled all that was demanded of him in the successful delineation of "Faust." M. Scamuzzi, as "Valentine," was vociferously applauded for his splendid singing.

To-night the Company present "Carmen." There will be a matinee in the afternoon, at 3 p.m., when "Il Trovatore" will again be performed. On Sunday afternoon and evening the Company will be at Macao, and will return to Hongkong on Monday, for the presentation in the evening of "Mignon."

THE WAR.

ALLIES' NOTABLE SUCCESSES ON FRANCO-BELGIAN FRONT.

PRO-WAR DEMONSTRATIONS IN ITALY.

DUTCH NOTES TO GERMANY AND ENGLAND.

FRANCO-BELGIAN FRONT.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

THE COUP-DE-MAIN IN ARRAS.

ENEMY SUFFERS SERIOUS LOSSES.

LONDON, February 18th.
5.35 p.m.

To-day's Paris *communiqué* confirms a lucky *coup-de-main*, giving us two lines of trenches, northward of Arras. We inflicted serious losses on the enemy, and captured a mortar and several hundred bombs.

Our artillery had a clear advantage in the valley of the Aisne.

All the ground captured in the regions of Perthes and Champagne has been retained.

Among numerous prisoners captured on Tuesday and Wednesday were officers and men belonging to the 6th and 8th Active Corps and to the 7th, 10th, and 12th Reserve Corps.

We also maintained our gains in Argonne, and progressed at Bourcuilles on Hill 263. Our successes between the Argonne and the Meuse made us masters of the wood southward of Bois de Cheppy. We also won a depth of 400 metres northward of Malincourt, and about the same southward of Bois de Forges.

All our gains are maintained.

FURTHER SUCCESSFUL OPERATIONS.

LONDON, February 19th.
2.10 a.m.

The Paris evening *communiqué* says:—Thursday has been no less favourable to us than the two previous days.

Between the sea and the Aisne there were artillery engagements.

The Germans delivered five counter-attacks near Roclincourt in order to re-take trenches which we had captured on Wednesday. All attacks were repulsed. The enemy abandoned several hundred dead, including several officers.

In Champagne the enemy delivered two very violent counter-attacks along the whole front in the region of Souain, Perthes, and Beau Sejour, the first being made during the night and the second in the morning, in an endeavour to re-take trenches lost on the 16th and 17th inst. Both were repulsed by the bayonet. We captured three mitrailleuses and several hundred prisoners, who stated that some Regiments had lost a fourth, and others a half of their effectives.

In Lorraine we attacked in the Xon district, captured the village of Norroy, and occupied the whole position.

In Alsace it was ascertained that at Lepiton, south of Sudelle, a farm captured by us on Wednesday constituted a formidable redoubt. We captured a trench mortar, five mitrailleuses, hundreds of rifles, shields, bombs, telephones, barbed wires, and thousands of cartridges in sacks in the earth.

GERMANS AGAIN BOMBARD RHEIMS.

LONDON, February 19th.

Germans have again bombarded Rheims, and a shell struck the Cathedral.

GENERAL.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

TO THE TRIUMPHANT END.

THE DETERMINATION OF FRANCE.

LONDON, February 19th.
12.20 p.m.

A telegram from Paris says that M. Viviani, the Premier, eloquently reaffirmed the determination of France to continue the war to the end in conjunction with the Allies. All knew, he said, that the triumph of Germany Imperialism meant the death of liberty.

NEUTRAL SHIPPING.

HOLLAND ON GERMANY'S RESPONSIBILITY.

LONDON, February 19th.
11.30 a.m.

Holland has presented a Note to Germany which says that the British misuse of neutral flags does not diminish the responsibility of Germany, since belligerents cannot evade the duty of examination before seizing or destroying a ship. In the event of mistakes it is indicated to Germany that the Dutch Government will reserve all rights, notably the right to complete compensation.

In the Note to Great Britain the Dutch Government says it expects the British Government not to sanction the misuse of a neutral flag, which is contrary to Dutch law, and exposes Dutch merchantmen to the perils of war.

ITALIAN POPULACE WANT WAR.

THOUSANDS DEMONSTRATE OUTSIDE PARLIAMENT.

LONDON, February 19th.

A message from Rome says that the Chamber of Deputies has been re-opened. A crowd numbering thousands demonstrated in favour of war, and tried to attack the Austrian Embassy. The crowd was dispersed by troops.

UNLUCKY ZEPPELINS.

SECOND AIRSHIP WRECKED.

LONDON, February 19th.

A telegram from Copenhagen says that eleven Germans appeared on Wednesday night at Blaavand, on the west coast of Jutland, and pretended they were fishermen whose craft had been wrecked by a mine. They were examined before a Magistrate, and admitted that they belonged to a Zeppelin which had drifted out to sea in a storm. Four of their comrades were missing, and were presumed to be aboard. The men claimed to be treated as shipwrecked men, but they were interned. The Commander was Count Platen.

This is believed to be the second Zeppelin wrecked.

THE NOMADIC KAISER.

VISITS WILHELMSHAVEN AND HELIGOLAND.

LONDON, February 19th.
5.25 a.m.

The Copenhagen correspondent of the *Daily Mail* says that the Kaiser, with Prince Henry of Prussia, Grand Admiral von Tirpitz, and their staffs, went to Wilhelmshaven and Heligoland on Thursday.

BRITISH LINERS DEFY SUBMARINES.

ENTER PORTS WITH BRITISH FLAG FLYING.

LONDON, February 19th.
12.20 a.m.

British liners, including large trans-Atlantic liners, are arriving in ports flying the British flag.

SIR THOMAS LIPTON'S NARROW ESCAPE.

LONDON, February 19th.
5.25 a.m.

Sir Thomas Lipton had a narrow escape during the bombardment of Belgrade. He was driving in the streets when a shell fell within 20 yards of him.

THE BRITISH ARMY.

PROMOTIONS AND DECORATIONS.

LONDON, February 18th.
9.10 p.m.

The *London Gazette* to-night contains 22 pages of His Majesty's rewards for services in the field.

The promotions include:—

Major-General H. H. Wilson to be temporary Lieut.-General.

The following Colonels are created Major-Generals:—W. Congreve, C. Kavanagh, J. Headlam, H. F. Mercer, B. Doran, G. F. Milne, S. R. Rice, F. M. Glubb, H. de Lisle, C. J. Briggs, Count Gleichen, J. Ducane, Hon. C. Bingham, Barnardiston, and Davies, of the New Zealand Staff.

KNIGHT COMMANDERS OF THE ORDER OF THE BATH (K.C.B.).

Lieut.-General C. A. Anderson, C.B., (formerly General Officer Commanding in Hongkong).

Lieut.-General Sir Charles Fergusson, C.B., M.V.O.

Surgeon-General Sloggett.

Major-General F. S. Robb, C.B., M.V.O.

Major-General Sir H. S. Rawlinson, C.B., C.V.O.

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Major-General E. H. H. Allenby, C.B.

Major-General C. C. Monro, C.B.

Major-General Sir W. R. Robertson, K.C.V.O., C.B., D.S.O.

Major-General Lindsay.

KNIGHTS COMMANDERS OF ST. MICHAEL AND ST. GEORGE (K.C.M.G.).

Major-General Julian Byng.

Major-General F. T. Clayton, C.B.

Major-General Sir Archibald Murray, K.C.B.

Major-General Capper.

The *Gazette* also contains large numbers of promotions, appointments to be Companions of the Order of the Bath and of the Order of St. Michael and St. George, Distinguished Service Orders, Distinguished Service Medal, Military Crosses, &c., including all arms and all ranks; and also a number of awards and promotions in the Indian Corps.

BRITISH OFFICER'S GALLANTRY.

AWARDED THE MILITARY CROSS.

LONDON, February 19th.

Lieutenant Lionel Musson, of the Manchester Regiment, has been awarded the Military Cross. Though severely wounded, he attacked with a few men a German patrol in German East Africa on the 20th December, only one German escaping.

AUSTRIANS BOMBARD BELGRADE.

SERBIANS REPLY ON SEMLIN.

LONDON, February 19th.

A telegram from Belgrade says that the Austrians have heavily bombarded the city. Houses were wrecked, and many people were killed and injured. The Serbians replied by bombarding Semlin.

RUSSIAN FRONT.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

RUSSIA'S BAD WEEK.

ANOTHER REVERSE REPORTED.

LONDON, February 19th.
5.25 a.m.

An Austrian *communiqué* announces the occupation of Czernowitz on Wednesday, the Russians retreating in the direction of Nosowosielitna.

RUSSIAN RETIREMENT IN BUKHOVINA.

LONDON, February 19th.
3.40 a.m.

A Petrograd *communiqué* says:—

Stubborn fighting took place on Wednesday in the region of Augustovo, and on the Serpec—Plonsk roads.

There was no fighting on the left bank of the Vistula.

We repulsed obstinate German and Austrian attacks in the Carpathians, and counter-attacked successfully.

Our detachments in Bukhovina retired across the Pruth.

ALL QUIET IN INDIA.

Major-General Kelly, Commanding the Troops in China, received from the Chief of the General Staff, Delhi, on the 18th inst., the following message:—18th February.—No change in situation which remains generally satisfactory. All is quiet on frontier.

CHINESE TELEGRAMS.

[FROM THE "CHUNG NGOI SAN PO."]

JAPAN'S DEMANDS ON CHINA.

PEKING, February 19th.

Japan has announced to the Powers the demands she is making on China.

Eleven items have been made public.

PIRACY IN KWANGTUNG.

PEKING, February 19th.

The British Minister has been informed by the Consul-General at Canton that there are seventeen robber dens in the lower Saikong Valley and that the Chinese authorities are unable to suppress them.

The President has ordered General Lung Chai-kwong to take action against them.

THE ESCAPE OF GERMAN PRISONERS.

ALL RECAPTURED.

AMUSING CASES OF MISTAKEN IDENTITY.

We learn that the Germans who escaped from the prisoners' camp at Kowloon on Wednesday, have all been captured. One man was apprehended at Sheung Shui on Thursday and the other three were arrested yesterday at Saikong near Junk Bay. The men were apparently wandering about aimlessly in a state of exhaustion through want of food.

Since the news of the escape has been made known many have expressed their astonishment at the fact that the prisoners were able to so successfully conceal the earth which they dug out of the tunnel by which the escape was effected. This has now been explained. The excavation was commenced underneath a concert stage, the smallest possible tunnel was made, and the excavated earth was brought down the narrow passage and packed under the stage, being thus obscured from the most observant.

When the escape was made known the Indian troops conducted a most vigilant search of the surrounding country, and several innocent Britishers who were considered to bear some resemblance to the descriptions given of the escaped men, were placed temporarily under arrest. A special train containing soldiers was despatched with all speed to Sheung Shui, where one of the prisoners (Schmidt) was secured, but no sign of the other three was discovered.

A few golfers who happened to be at Fanling had an exciting experience. They were considered by the Indian searchers to be suspiciously similar to one or other of the roving Germans, and they were held up until their very British characteristics had been established beyond doubt. In Kowloon also, a few Britons who appeared to answer to the descriptions were also detained by the zealous Indians. Like true Britishers, however, they treated the affair in the right spirit, and quickly established their true identity. There may have been an undercurrent of annoyance at the fact that they at all resembled certain members of the Tentonic race, but this feeling was rigidly guarded, and the novelty of being made a prisoner of war, if only for a few minutes, was thoroughly enjoyed.

THE RACE MEETING.

The annual races take place at Happy Valley on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday next.

While the entries this year are not so numerous as usual they reach the satisfactory total of 88, representing 34 stables. There are, as usual, a few long strings. Mr. Ellis Kadoorie has 14; so also has Mr. John Peel, while Sir Paul has 11. With but few other exceptions owners are represented by but one or two ponies. The early morning training gallops at Happy Valley during the past few weeks have enabled the keen sportsmen to spot the ponies likely to give a good account of themselves at the meeting.

The Derby would seem to be a fairly open event. There are 17 entries representing six stables. Sir Paul's stable is expected to produce the winner in either Majestic Dahlia or Standard Dahlia, though Mr. John Peel's Lochmaben is very strongly fancied. Mr. Ellis Kadoorie has two good candidates for Derby honours in English Chief and Australian Chief, and very close racing may be expected. Mr. Moller is riding for Mr. Kadoorie, Mr. Burkill and Mr. Vida for Sir Paul and Mr. J. Johnstone for Mr. John Peel.

Though neither Mr. Ezra's Gamester nor Mr. Gilpin's Sir Calidore appear to be fancied for the Derby, they are pretty certain to figure among winners at the meeting, as also is Mr. Ezra's Wild Cat.

Of the old ponies entered for the meeting, numbering 19, Sir Paul's Aldwych and Mr. Ellis Kadoorie's Fijian Chief stand out from the bunch, but the trio of Dahlias—Dreadnought, Sunstar and Triumphant—have all done well in the training, while President, Perhaps and Annan can be counted upon to make a good showing in any race in which they start.

Of the auction griffins Black Gem, Jolly Jack, Maybe and Sammie have shown the best form.

Among the Subscription Griffins the best performances have been done by Kukri, Thurleston, Winning Hazard, Jed and Bikanir Chief (late Rosario).

On the whole the meeting gives promise of some very good racing, and given fine weather there will doubtless be, as usual, a very large attendance.

BOY SCOUTS OF THE PEAK.

A TROOPS OF "WOLF CUBS."

A troop of small boys of the Peak District, technically known as "Wolf Cubs," was started a short time ago, and, in order to interest parents in the movement as well as to organize it on proper lines, Miss Skinner of the Peak School, gave an "At Home" in the Peak Hotel yesterday afternoon. About 50 ladies were present including Lady May, Mrs. Kelly, Lady Rees Davies, Mrs. Anstruther, and many of the parents, as well as Mr. Ralphs (Inspector of Schools), Commander Basil Taylour, R.N., and other gentlemen interested in the matter.

A very pleasant afternoon was enjoyed, in the course of which Major BOWEN, A.P.D., already associated with the Boy Scout movement through the St. Joseph's College Troop, gave a very interesting address tracing the Scout movement, which has been described by Lord Rosebery as the greatest movement of modern times, from its introduction by Sir Robert Baden-Powell down to the present moment, when its organisation spreads from China to Peru. The notable results attained are due, he explained, to two characteristics of the movement:—First, it places a high ideal before the Scout and his master; and, secondly, it makes the ideal practical by subjecting the boy to a very definite, well-thought-out system of training. Handicrafts of every kind are taught and encouraged. Carpentry, boat-building, gardening, anything that tends to make a boy useful and healthily occupied, comes under the scope of Boy-Scout training; no menial labour, however humble, comes amiss, and the Boy Scout's uniform, simple and yet so neat, is wonderfully adapted to honest and manly work. There is one thing only the Scout must *not* do; that is to keep his hand in his pockets and let others do for him what he can very well do for himself. It is *not* a military movement, though it possesses a training on modified military lines; a military caste of organization and discipline, and a distinct uniform. Its essential object is not to make our boys into soldiers, but into better men and better citizens. The whole aim of the movement is "to develop good citizenship among boys by forming their character, training them in habits of observation, obedience, and self-reliance, inculcating loyalty and thoughtfulness for others, and teaching them services useful to the public and handicrafts useful to themselves." The Boy Scout is taught to make his way about in all kinds of country and all sorts of places, and to play other games dear to boys' hearts, but in doing so he is taught something more, and something of great value to him in after life; namely, the signs of nature, woodcraft and fieldcraft and sky-craft, to observe, to remember, to make inductions. With the instinct of genius Sir Robert Baden-Powell based all his training from the first on the observance of a Scout Law, at once simple, luminous and complete. Any little boy can understand it; but if any lad lives up to it perfectly he has already advanced a very long way towards the goal of a noble and useful life. A Scout is kind to all; a Scout is courteous; a Scout is pure in thought, word and deed. No knight of chivalry ever had a nobler ideal placed before him.

At the conclusion of Major Bowen's speech, Mr. RALPHS (Inspector of English Schools), said, "Although this gathering is quite informal I am sure we should all like to express our gratitude to Major Bowen for the very excellent address he has given us on the Boy Scout Movement, and to Miss Skinner for giving us the opportunity of meeting here this afternoon. (Applause.) The Peak Boy Scouts will, of course, all be young boys, none of them old enough to join the Cadet Company, but we want all boys who are eligible to join. The Troop will be called, I am told, "The Wolf Cubs,"—whether there is in the title an implied compliment to a well-known genial official I am not in a position to say. However, to help on the movement it is proposed to form the Peak Boy Scout Association, consisting of parents and others who will take an interest in the boys and their doings. Lady May has very kindly consented to become President, and under her gracious and energetic governance we may be assured that success is certain. Mrs. Churchill, who is, I regret to say, unable to attend this afternoon through sickness, will act as Vice-President. Then we shall shortly want a gentleman, preferably a Peak resident, to act as Scout Master. I should like to mention here that the Hon. Mr. Severn has very kindly offered to afford facilities for the boys to go out sailing and bathing and to learn to swim during the summer, and has further offered them the use of the lawn attached to his residence for drill and exercise. I think all that remains for me to do now is to ask all those who are willing to join the Association to give their names to Miss Skinner, to Major Bowen or to me before leaving.

Bishop LANDER then said: Miss Skinner has asked me to say a few words to second the vote of thanks which Mr. Ralphs has proposed for Major Bowen for the address to which we have listened with such pleasure. I think we are all agreed that the Boy Scout movement is an excellent one. It is especially aimed at the formation of character, and anything that tends to form character is valuable. I remember that some years ago I was working among a very poor class of boys in Liverpool. We then had a Corps which was a sort of predecessor of the Boy Scouts, I mean the Boys' Brigade. I can testify to the excellent work ours did. Previous to this, nothing had been attempted which appealed to the boys' imagination, but when we put them into a uniform and gave them drill they took to it wonderfully, and we found boys who came to us of the worst type soon quite easy to manage. Boys' Brigades were doing then what I believe the Boy Scout Movement is doing on a larger scale and I shall be very glad to see it taken up more extensively among the youth of this Colony.—(Applause.)

Major Bowen announced that Captain Basil Taylour had just consented to become Scout Master to the "Wolf Cubs," an announcement that gave the greatest satisfaction.

The form which the Association should take was then discussed.

A small committee to run the Troop was appointed, with Lady May as President, Mrs. Churchill as Vice-President, Mrs. Ralphs as Hon. Treasurer, and Miss Skinner as Hon. Secretary; while Commander Basil Taylour very kindly consented to act as Scoutmaster. With such a Committee there can be little doubt that the success of the Troop is assured.

The troop of "Wolf Cubs" is, of course, confined to boys of British parentage residing in the Peak District, who are too young to join the Cadet Corps. Those who remain long enough in the Colony may, no doubt, be drafted into the Cadet Corps later on. Meanwhile, they will have an opportunity of developing their faculties in the way so interesting to boys through the regular course of Scout training by having entered thus young into the great and universal brotherhood of Boy Scouts.

A TRAGEDY OF WAR.

WIFE'S FATAL AFFECTION.

PARIS, January 5th.

A case of extraordinary poignancy will shortly come up for judgment before the second court-martial of Paris, when Captain H——, a brilliant and courageous officer, will appear on the charge of murder of the wife he passionately loved.

This, briefly, is the tragic story. Capt. H—— a few years ago married a very beautiful woman. It was a love match on both sides, but, unfortunately, the love of Madame H—— was so jealous and so exacting that it had come to be a shackle to her husband's military career. Then the war broke out, and Madame H——, with her children, was sent by her husband to the South. She bore the parting ill, and when she learned that her husband's regiment was at Compiégne she hastened across France to join him.

It was at this very moment that General Joffre's circular against the presence of the womenfolk of his troops on the front was issued. Captain H——'s superiors objected kindly, but firmly, to the presence of his wife. "You risk losing your step," said his colonel, "and even the Cross of the Legion of Honour, which you have so worthily earned." Captain H—— told his wife of this warning, and asked her to leave him, but she would not. Once again the officer was warned, and once again his wife delayed her departure.

The third warning was sharp and precise. "You have lost your step and your Cross," the captain was told, "and now you risk a court-martial for disobedience in face of the foe." Captain H——, terribly affected by this threat of military disgrace, ordered his wife to leave him at once. The fond, passionate woman even now equivocated. She would leave on the morrow, she said. Captain H—— drew his service revolver and shot her dead.

It is judged not unlikely that the officer's mind was for the moment unhinged, for, when he realised what he had done, his despair was piteous. M. Henry Robert, the great criminal lawyer, has undertaken his defence.

ITALY'S INTERVENTION.

1,500,000 SOLDIERS READY.

The *Popolo d'Italia* of Rome last month published an article in which the writer states that Italy is ready: "Polemics are at an end; intervention has been decided upon; all is ready. Toward the end of January, not later, we shall enter the campaign, late, but not too late. We shall have 1,500,000 soldiers of the finest quality. Roumania will put 500,000 men under arms. Two million well-armed soldiers will thus be brought up at various points against a wavering Austria and, if necessary, against the shaken Germans.

"At Rome they are all of one mind. The King wants war, and Signor Sonnino is persuaded. He has shown a very different attitude from what his friends feared. Signor Martini has for long been persuaded. The last doubts have vanished at General Headquarters, where the final preparations are being made."

This article has caused a profound sensation among the public in Rome. Not only was it passed for publication by the political censor, but the newspapers which were published some hours later did not contradict a single statement which it contains.

COLLIERY DISASTER IN SHANTUNG.

GREAT LOSS OF LIFE.

A message from Tsinanfu is published in the Japanese Press reporting that an outbreak of fire occurred in a colliery near the Shantung Railway on the 1st inst. Of eight hundred miners who were below at the time of the accident only a few were rescued.

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The *New York Times* of December 24th says:—The Cunard Line has paid a premium of $50,000 to insure the *Lusitania* for $10,000,000 on her voyage from England to America and back again. This is one of the highest prices ever paid for a single marine insurance policy. The insurance expires on the return of the steamship to port in England and will cover a period of about three weeks.

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THE MILITARY SITUATION.

A FEATURE OF MODERN ARMIES

RAPID RECOVERY AFTER DEFEAT.

One of the most striking features of the war has been the rapid recovery of armies which to all appearance had been decisively defeated, writes the *Morning Post's* Military Correspondent. During the first few days of the invasion of France it must have appeared to the Germans that our Expeditionary Force—outnumbered five to one or more, outflanked and driven back from Mons in what, had it been a German Army, our newspapers would have at that time described as "headlong flight" or "*debacle!*"—had been routed and disorganised beyond hope of recovery. In two days (24th and 25th of August) it covered thirty-five miles between Mons and Cambrai, a distance which would have represented forced marching under ordinary conditions even had there been no interference by the enemy. After fighting all day on August 26th to avoid the annihilation that threatened it had the retreat been immediately resumed, it fell back an equal distance in the course of the two following days. The situation at mid-day on August 29th was thus described by Sir John French in his despatch dated September 17th: "The pursuit of the enemy was very vigorous; some five or six German corps were on the Somme, facing the 5th (French) Army on the Oise. At least two corps were advancing towards my front, and were crossing the Somme east and west of Ham. Three or four more German corps were opposing the 6th French Army on my left." This menacing situation was relieved by the 5th French Army attacking the Germans east of the River Oise and driving the 10th Corps and the Prussian Guard back to Guise. The temporary relief thus obtained made it possible to withdraw the British force from the fighting line. After a few days' rest our troops were able to take the offensive on September 6th, with brilliant effect, at the battle of the Marne.

THE RETREAT FROM THE MARNE.

The retreat of the Germans from the Marne also bore evidence of a decisive defeat. The official statement issued by our Press Bureau used the phrase "demoralisation of the routed enemy." By September 10th they had been driven beyond the Aisne. There was a general impression that the victory on the Marne was decisive. This impression appeared too optimistic; and on September 14th we observed: "It would be unwise to jump too readily to such a conclusion. No definite conclusion can be drawn from the rapidity of the retreat; nor do we know what power of recuperation the German troops may possess. . . . A day's rest allows a defeated army to re-form its ranks and reorganise its units, and may do much to restore its efficiency." It seemed likely that the Germans would use the Aisne as a rearguard position, to gain time for their armies to re-form. But they withstood all attacks, and have maintained the position with slight modification ever since.

The Belgian Army, also, after having been severely handled in the fighting before Brussels and obliged to fall back into Antwerp, was soon able again to undertake active operations. The German defeat on the Marne was the signal for a vigorous offensive, which drove the enemy's containing force back on Louvain, and almost succeeded in cutting the main line of communication of their left wing through Liége and Brussels. The recovery of the same army after its hurried retreat following the fall of Antwerp was even more remarkable. Having fallen in on the left of the French behind the Yser, it was badly in need of a few days' respite to enable it to rest and reorganise its ranks. The weakness of the Allies in that quarter and the vigour of the German offensive denied it any relief. Reaching the line of the Yser on October 15th, it was in action on the following day; and from October 17th onwards it was the objective of violent attacks which were sustained without support till October 24th, when a French division and some Territorials came to its assistance.

IN THE EASTERN THEATRE.

In the Eastern theatre of war there have been numerous instances of the resuscitation of defeated armies. The Austrian army defeated by the Servians in the Battle of Shabatz on August 18th returned to the fray, and sustained a second defeat on the Drina on September 6th. The defeat at Lvoff on September 1st did not prevent the Austrians again fighting stubbornly against the Russians at Ravaruska within a fortnight. When the German invasion of Poland obliged the Russians to relinquish their advance on Cracow the three defeats sustained at Lvoff, Lublin, and Ravarusska did not prevent the Austrian armies from following them up to the San, where they again fought with great determination, maintaining the contest for some days after the Austro-German armies on their left had been beaten back from the Vistula. Part of the German army which was defeated in the Battle of Augustoff on October 3rd still holds the entrenched position among the Masurian lakes; while the remainder has taken part in the two invasions of Poland. Lastly, the Austro-German armies which were defeated in front of Warsaw and on the Vistula in October began the second invasion of Poland within a month, and with the help of strong reinforcements have pushed the Russians back to the positions they now occupy on the Bzura-Pilitza-Nida front.

There have, of course, been numerous instances in the past of armies recovering after severe defeats. Even Napoleon's great battles were sometimes indecisive, as at Eylau, Wagram, and Borodino. The Peninsular War dragged on for years, to say nothing of the wars of the Eighteenth Century. The difference in the present war lies in the invariable reappearance on every occasion of the defeated army, and its almost invariable resumption of the offensive. In former wars a defeated army was usually thrown on the defensive for the remainder of the campaign, or at least for a considerable time. Speculation as to the causes of the increased recuperative power must be deferred to a future occasion.

IN CASE OF INVASION.

INSTRUCTIONS TO THE INHABITANTS OF KENT.

Lord Harris, acting Lord Lieutenant of Kent, has issued the following instructions to the inhabitants of the county of Kent in view of a possible invasion:—

VOLUNTEER CORPS.

In order to be recognised as a combatant a volunteer must be a member of a Volunteer Corps which has been affiliated to the Central Association of Volunteer Training Corps. Only members of such Corps will receive the badge issued by Government to combatants. It is the policy of Government to encourage every man of proper age and physique to enlist in the Navy or Army; any man who is disqualified, or from the nature of his employment cannot enlist, can become a member of such a Volunteer Corps. Civilians who are not in possession of the Government badge will not be counted as combatants, they will be liable for all non-combatant duties, and they must be prepared to surrender any arms which they may have in their possession.

Anyone desirous of forming Volunteer Corps should apply to the "Central Association of Volunteer Training Corps" at the Royal Courts of Justice, London, for information.

PREPARATIONS IN CASE OF ATTEMPTED LANDING.

The Vice-Lieutenant takes this opportunity of informing residents in the county that the measures which have been recently taken are only precautionary. A hostile landing is no more likely to occur at the present time than in the earlier stages of the war.

These measures have been undertaken in the first place in order to give our Army the best opportunity of refusing admission to a hostile force, or of promptly overwhelming it if it should be successful in effecting a temporary landing, and in the second place to render our shores, should a landing be effected, as inhospitable as possible to the enemy.

The result of the arrangements which have been made by the Emergency Committees throughout the county, and especially on the coast, is that the committees, the nearest military authority, and the constabulary are now all in close touch with each other, thereby ensuring the promptest possible resistance to the enemy should a landing be attempted and an equally prompt warning to the area threatened, and with the least possible delay to the neighbouring localities.

WARNING IN CASE OF BOMBARDMENT.

Residents in coastal towns will no doubt have observed that the heavy casualty list on the Yorkshire coast was partly due to people assembling out of curiosity in the street instead of seeking shelter underground.

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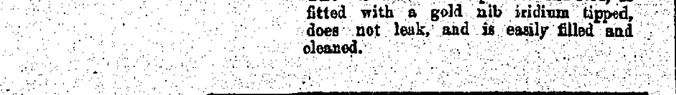

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ENEMY'S DEFENCE.

MR. BELLOC'S VIEWS.

THE LINE OF RETIREMENT.

Mr. Hilaire Belloc, writing in *Land and Water*, discusses Germany's defensive problem in the West.

He points out that critics sometimes talk as though the existence of trenches behind trenches, that is of a series of "lines," parallel one with another behind the original "line," rendered the problem insoluble. "The enemy," they say, "may be driven out of his first line, but he will fall back upon his second; from his second upon his third—and so forth. There is no end to it." But that is not the way the thing works, or can conceivably work, unless the second lines are shorter than the first and the third lines shorter than the second.

"So long as a General," continues Mr. Belloc, "has enough men to hold his first line against the enemy's numbers and mechanical means of attack, so long he will hold that first line. When he has no longer enough numbers to hold his first line he is manifestly equally unable to hold a second line of the same length. He can only usefully fall back on a second line on condition the second line is shorter than the first.

LENGTH OF THE LINES.

"The present line held by the Germans is roughly three hundred and fifty miles in length in all its convolutions. Suppose they fall back upon a line passing in front of Antwerp and Brussels to Namur, then up the Meuse to the neighbourhood of Verdun, and so along their original line to the Swiss mountains. They would shorten their total present line by sacrificing all their present hold upon the strip of North-Eastern France, which is their principal asset in the Western campaign as it is now developing.

"The distance from their present positions just north of Verdun to Antwerp, counting the necessary fluctuations in the line, would be nearly 200 miles. Their existing lines from the same point north of Verdun round past Rheims and along the Aisne and then up to the North Sea by Nieuport, are barely 240, and to gain that 12 or 13 per cent. of relief from the strain upon their diminishing strength of their adversaries, they would have to give up all thought of further advance on Calais, all Western Belgium, and all the French territory they hold, except a tiny strip east of the Meuse Valley.

"See what a sacrifice they would be making in the objects and nature of their war, and for how slight an end!

GERMANY'S BEST DEFENCE.

"But there is a further line behind this again to which the enemy might retire, and by so retiring really seriously shorten his line and concentrate his effectives.

"It is the line which, starting from the Dutch frontier, covers Liége, runs along the valley of the Ourthe, includes the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg, and further south reposes upon Thionville and Metz, and then upon the Vosges exactly as the present line does. . . . It is hardly two-thirds of the original line in length; it has three great fortresses upon its front, nearly half of its trajectory is taken up with the difficult and highly defensible country of the Ardennes in the north and the Vosges upon the south; and lastly it keeps German soil intact.

"That line, the Liége-Metz line, we can quite safely say, is at once the obvious and the only second shorter line upon which, with reduced effectives, a German retirement could safely be made.

"But, unfortunately for Germany, German problems are not as yet—nor perhaps will ever be—purely strategical in this war. They are grossly interfered with by political considerations. To fall back upon this obvious second line is to give up Belgium and Antwerp and all hope of threatening Great Britain. It is to confess the beginning of the end. It is morally certain that such a confession will not be made by such confused thinkers until it is too late.

THE RHINE.

"This second line, the line Liége-Metz-the Vosges, once abandoned, there is no other. The line of the Rhine, in spite of its great fortresses, is not one upon which a force seeking concentration could retire. One has but to look at the map to see that this is so. It is a line which, in all its convolutions, is almost as long as the present line, and before a German Army should retire to it, that invasion of German soil which, let us always remember, it is politically essential for the German rulers to prevent, would have taken place.

"No; the more one looks at the problem, the more convinced one is that the enemy will hold on to its present lines in the West as long as it is just compatible with his strength to do so, and possibly a trifle longer."

LIKE RATS, DUCKS AND PIGS.

TERRITORIAL ON LIFE IN THE TRENCHES

A private in the London Rifle Brigade writes to his brother in London:—

It is Sunday, and after being in the trenches for three days, came out last night for a short rest. Yesterday it poured with rain, and our trench had a foot of water in it: everything was swimming, ourselves as well.

To make things worse, the walk through the wood from our cowshed and pig-stye is so muddy that you sink up to the knees, and after yesterday's rain—well, I can't describe it.

From our hips downwards we are never dry, and always scraping inches of mud off us. I was glad to lie down anywhere last night, and although it was only a cowshed I appreciated it as much as a bed.

When I return I shall lie and soak in a bath for hours, and then lie in bed for days. I shall appreciate the comforts of home ever so much more then. We are lost to civilisation; one day we are rats, one day ducks, and then pigs. What a life!

It is wonderful how some of our unfortunate wounded comrades bear the pain without a murmur. One was shot yesterday through the stomach, and, although conscious all day, lay without a murmur until carried away at dusk.

Our fellows get very hot when they read of the football matches, etc., with their huge crowds not feeling the pinch at all—for instance, the recruiting sergeant at Chelsea only getting one single recruit. Do they ever think what this war means to them?

EXTORTIONATE FREIGHTS.

The following letter on this subject appears in *The Times*:—

Sir,—Attention has already been called to the fact that the rise in the price of many articles of domestic consumption is due not to any scarcity of the particular commodity, but almost entirely to the extraordinary increase which has occurred in the cost of sea carriage. Freights already inflated continue to rise day by day, and at present there appears to be no limit to the charge which the shipowner can impose upon the necessities of the nation and its Allies.

While homeward freights have risen to "record" figures, outward freights continue to advance by leaps and bounds. To give an example:—On January 12th the rate of freight on coals from the Tyne to Marseilles was 30s.; on January 13th a boat of 4,800 tons secured a freight of 35s., and the terms as to demurrage are no longer those usual in a Mediterranean charter-party, but such as the shipowner chooses to dictate. The normal freight, Tyne to Marseilles, varies between 6s. and 7s. per ton. If every allowance be made for increase of wages of crew, loss of time on voyage, etc., a rate of freight of 10s. per ton would show a handsome profit. The extra 25s. represents an additional profit exacted by the shipowner on this short voyage alone of £6,000.

The ordinary rate on coal from the Tyne to London is 3s.; to-day the shipowner is able to demand 13s. 6d., that is to say, he is able to impose a tax of about 10s. per ton on the coal consumer in London. When we come to investigate the reason underlying the scarcity of tonnage available for our needs at a time when our Navy has so magnificently succeeded in its task of keeping our ports open and of ensuring the safety of our trade routes, we find that, apart from the lock-up of German tonnage and the comparatively insignificant loss of other tonnage through the operations of war, the chief reason is to be found in the large number of British steamers requisitioned by the Admiralty at the commencement of the war. The enormous profits which the unrequisitioned ships are now earning are due mainly to the removal of this competitive British tonnage by the Government. What, then, is the remedy? Shipowners whose steamers were requisitioned by the Government in August last were quite satisfied at that time with the scale of hire laid down—a scale assuring them a profit which in normal times would be considered generous. Now those same shipowners are regarding with envy the unexpected fortunes which are being so rapidly accumulated by the more fortunate owners of ships not similarly requisitioned. The public generally, when they realize that much of the burden they are bearing in the form of enhanced prices is a burden laid on them by those fortunate shipowners to whom the present war has become a source of extravagant wealth, will demand, and demand with reason, that some means shall be found of either lessening the burden or of diverting these profits to the use of the nation in its successful prosecution of the most expensive war the world has known.

The Government has already assumed control of the railways, it has requisitioned the merchant ships needed for the service of the Fleets.

Has not the time now arrived when it should requisition all British shipping on similar terms, ensuring to the owners an adequate return on the capital represented, and to the nation the knowledge that every British ship is being so employed throughout the oceans of the world as to give the people in these islands the full economic benefit of our naval supremacy?—Yours faithfully,

HERBERT J. CRAIG.

A "FORMIDABLE" SURVIVOR

DOG'S WONDERFUL INSTINCT.

One of the most interesting of the many interesting experiences of the survivors of the "Formidable" is that of John Cowan, an A.B. of the Royal Fleet Reserve. Cowan, who is a Fifeshire boy, hailing from Lochgelly, was carried into the Pilot Boat Hotel and placed on the kitchen floor in the belief that he was dead, all efforts to restore him after he had been lifted out of the boat having failed.

All he had on was a pair of thin pants and a vest, and in this meagre dress he passed through the fearful experiences of those unforgetable 22 hours. Seeing that 14 of his comrades, some better clad than he, had succumbed to exposure and exhaustion, it is small wonder that it was thought he, too, was dead.

As he lay there unconscious and unattended, all attention being concentrated on those who showed any sign of life, a remarkable incident occurred.

A dog of the house, a rough-haired cross-bred collie, walked to the body and displayed considerable uneasiness. "Lassie," for that is the dog's name, whined piteously, and lay alongside Cowan and began to lick his face.

At the end of half an hour a faint moan, a movement of the body, and a glad whining from the dog attracted the attention of one of the helpers.

The warmth of the dog's body against Cowan's heart, and his assiduous licking of his face had induced circulation. Immediately willing hands completed the work the dog had begun, and in a short time Cowan sat up.

After that the dog and Cowan have been inseparable.

A German force moved in mass against the North Staffordshire regiment near Ypres the other day, but became bogged in mud, and were an easy mark for the British riflemen. The enemy retired with heavy losses, and essayed an attack further northward, but met a withering fire from the British trenches. Then a Canadian regiment, shouting, "For Canada and Old England," charged the Germans with the bayonet. The enemy broke and fled. Trench after trench fell until German artillery checked the pursuit. The ground gained by the charge extended over a mile.

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Hongkong, 17th February, 1915. [301

VESSELS ADVERTISED AS LOADING

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SECTIONS

1. From Green Island to the Harbour Master's. 2. From Harbour Master's to Blake Pier. 3. From Blake Pier to Naval Yard. 4. From Naval Yard to East Point.

DESTINATION	VESSEL'S NAMES.	FLAG & RIG	BERTH	CAPTAIN	FOR FREIGHT APPLY TO	TO BE DESPATCHED
LONDON VIA USUAL PORTS OF CALL	MALTA	Brit. str.	—	G. W. Cookman, R.N.R.	P. & O. S. N. Co.	On 26th inst., at Noon.
LONDON & SINGAPORE, VIA PENANG, COLOMBO, &c	NAMUR	Brit. str.	—	A. Collyer	P. & O. S. N. Co.	On 31st Mar., at 10 A.M.
MARSEILLES VIA PORTS	VILLE DE LA CIOTAT	Fren. str.	—		MESSAGERIES MARITIMES	On 27th inst.
MARSEILLES, LONDON & VIA SINGAPORE, &c.	MISHIMA MARU	Jap. str.	—	S. Wada	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	On 11th Mar., at Noon.
MARSEILLES, LONDON & LIVERPOOL	CITY OF CORINTH	Brit. str.	—		THE BANK LINE, LIMITED	On 20th Mar.
VICTORIA, B.C., & TACOMA VIA MANILA & JAPAN	SEATTLE MARU	Jap. str.	—	T. Saito	OSAKA SHOSEN KAISHA	On 22nd inst., at 3 P.M.
VICTORIA, B.C., & SEATTLE VIA SHANGHAI, &c	YOKOHAMA MARU	Jap. str.	—	Komatsubara	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	On 23rd inst., at Noon.
VICTORIA, B.C., & TACOMA VIA MANILA & JAPAN	MEXICO MARU	Jap. str.	—	N. Kobayashi	OSAKA SHOSEN KAISHA	On 9th Mar., at 3 P.M.
NEW YORK AND BOSTON	ROYAL PRINCE	Brit. str.	—	Coull	THE BANK LINE, LIMITED	On 26th inst.
NEW YORK VIA PANAMA CANAL	INDRAGHIRI	Brit. str.	—		JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., LD.	On 28th inst.
VANCOUVER VIA SHANGHAI, JAPAN, &c.	MONTEAGLE	Brit. str.	—	A. J. Hall	CANADIAN PACIFIC R. Co.	On 24th inst.
SAN FRANCISCO VIA SHANGHAI & JAPAN, &c.	SHINYO MARU	Jap. str.	—	Tilmor	TOYO KISEN KAISHA	On 23rd inst., at Noon.
SAN FRANCISCO VIA MANILA & JAPAN, &c.	PERSIA	Am. str.	—	J. Hill	PACIFIC MAIL S.S. Co.	On 2nd Mar., at Noon.
SAN FRANCISCO VIA SHANGHAI & JAPAN, &c.	KOREA	Am. str.	—	A. W. Nelson	PACIFIC MAIL S.S. Co.	On 9th Mar., at 1 P.M.
SAN FRANCISCO VIA MANILA & JAPAN, &c.	NIPPON MARU	Jap. str.	—	A. G. Stevens	TOYO KISEN KAISHA	On 27th Apr., at 10.30 A.M.
MEXICAN, PERUVIAN & CHILE PORTS VIA JAPAN	ANYO MARU	Jap. str.	—		TOYO KISEN KAISHA	On 10th Mar.
AUSTRALIAN PORTS VIA MANILA	TAIYUAN	Brit. str.	1 m.	P. W. Grierson	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	To-day, at Noon.
AUSTRALIAN PORTS	ALDENHAM	Brit. str.	—	G. L. Smith	GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co.	On 24th inst., at 11 A.M.
AUSTRALIAN PORTS VIA MANILA	TANGO MARU	Jap. str.	—	Soyeda	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	On 16th Mar., at 4 P.M.
DELAGOA BAY, DURBAN, EAST LONDON, &c	GUJARAT	Brit. str.	—		THE BANK LINE, LIMITED	On 26th inst.
JAPAN	TJILATJAP	Dut. str.	—		JAVA-CHINA-JAPAN LINE	Quick despatch.
YOKOHAMA, KOBE & MOJI	KUTSANG	Brit. str.	—	Bradley	JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., LD.	On 3rd Mar., at Noon.
KOBE & YOKOHAMA	SUWA MARU	Jap. str.	—	Moral	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	On 23rd inst., at 11 A.M.
NAGASAKI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA	NIKKO MARU	Jap. str.	—	Yagi	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	On 15th Mar., at 10 A.M.
TIENTSIN VIA WEIHAIWEI	CHEONGSHING	Brit. str.	—	V. Liddell	JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., LTD.	On 23rd inst. at D'light.
SHANGHAI & KOBE	TOSA MARU	Jap. str.	—	Takano	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	To-day.
SHANGHAI	LIANGCHOW	Brit. str.	—	W. Benson	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	To-morrow, at 4 P.M.
SHANGHAI & KOBE	RANGOON MARU	Jap. str.	—	H. Nomura	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	To-morrow.
SHANGHAI	CHOYSANG	Brit. str.	—	S. Finderson	JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., LD.	On 23rd inst., at D'light.
SHANGHAI, KOBE & MOJI	NAMSANG	Brit. str.	—	Gilory	JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., LD.	On 25th inst., at D'light.
SHANGHAI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA	ATLANTIQUE	Fren. str.	—	Charbonnel	MESSAGERIES MARITIMES	About 25th inst.
SHANGHAI, MOJI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA	NAMUR	Brit. str.	—	A. Collyer	P. & O. S. N. Co.	About 28th inst.
SHANGHAI	SARDINIA	Brit. str.	—	J. T. Jeffery	P. & O. S. N. Co.	About 1st Mar.
SHANGHAI	TJIKINI	Dut. str.	—		JAVA-CHINA-JAPAN LINE	Quick despatch.
FOOCHOW VIA SWATOW & AMOY	KAIJO MARU	Jap. str.	—	Y. Yamamoto	OSAKA SHOSEN KAISHA	To-morrow, at Noon.
TAMSUI, & KEELUNG VIA SWATOW & AMOY	DAIGI MARU	Jap. str.	—	S. Tokushige	OSAKA SHOSEN KAISHA	To-morrow, at Noon.
SWATOW	HAIMUN	Brit. str.	2 h.	A. H. Stewart	DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co.	To-morrow, at 10 A.M.
SWATOW, MOY & FOOCHOW	HAITAN	Brit. str.	2 h.	J. W. Evans	DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co.	On 23rd inst., at 1 P.M.
SWATOW, AMOY & FOOCHOW	HAIYANG	Brit. str.	2 h.	A. E. Hodgins	DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co.	On 25th inst., at 1 P.M.
SWATOW, AMOY & FOOCHOW	HAICHING	Brit. str.	2 h.	W. C. Passmore	DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co.	On 2nd Mar., at 1 P.M.
MANILA	YUENSANG	Brit. str.	—	P. Rolfe	JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., LD.	To-day, at 3 P.M.
MANILA, CEBU & ILOILO	SUNGKIANG	Brit. str.	1 m.	J. Robertson	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 23rd inst., at 4 P.M.
MANILA	LOONGHANG	Brit. str.	—	W. G. G. Leask	JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., LD.	On 27th inst., at 3 P.M.
MANILA, CEBU & ILOILO	TEAN	Brit. str.	1 m.	Sidford	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 2nd Mar., at 4 P.M.
ANPING & TAKAO VIA SWATOW & AMOY	SOSHU MARU	Jap. str.	—	K. Hattori	OSAKA SHOSEN KAISHA	On 3rd Mar., at 8 A.M.
BATAVIA, CHERIBON, SAMARANG, &c.	TJIMANOEK	Dut. str.	—		JAVA-CHINA-JAPAN LINE	Quick despatch.
BOMBAY VIA S'PORE, PORT S'HAM, PENANG & COLOMBO	HOKKAI MARU	Jap. str.	—		OSAKA SHOSEN KAISHA	To-day, at 10 A.M.
BOMBAY, VIA SINGAPORE, MALACCA & COLOMBO	KANAGAWA MARU	Jap. str.	—	Tozawa	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	On 5th Mar.
SINGAPORE, PENANG, RANGOON & CALCUTTA	COLOMBO MARU	Jap. str.	—	Sakamoto	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	On 23rd inst.
SINGAPORE, PENANG & CALCUTTA	FOOKSANG	Brit. str.	—	T. A. Mitchell	JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., LD.	On 23rd inst., at 3 P.M.
SINGAPORE & PENANG	ONSANG	Brit. str.	—		JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., LD.	On 24th inst., at 3 P.M.
SINGAPORE & PENANG	CHUNSANG	Brit. str.	—	C. J. Mattock	JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., LD.	On 26th inst., at 3 P.M.
SINGAPORE, PENANG & CALCUTTA	LAISANG	Brit. str.	—	E. J. Tadd	JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., LD.	On 27th inst., at 3 P.M.
SINGAPORE, MAURITIUS, & SOUTH AFRICAN PORTS	SALAMIS	Brit. str.	—	D. A. Gardiner	THE BANK LINE LTD.	On 4th Mar.
SOURABAYA	HINSANG	Brit. str.	—	A. Kennedy	JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., LD.	On 25th inst., at Noon.
HOIHOW & HAIPHONG	KAIFONG	Brit. str.	1 m.	H. Mathias	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	To-morrow, at 9 A.M.
HAIPHONG	SINGAN	Brit. str.	—	Trowbridge	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	To-day, at 9 A.M.
HAIPHONG	TAKSANG	Brit. str.	—	W. McClure	JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., LD.	To-morrow, at 10 A.M.

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PROJECTED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG (SUBJECT TO ALTERATION).

FOR	STEAMERS	TO SAIL	
* MANILA	"YUENSANG"	Saturday,	20th Feb., 3 P.M.
HAIPHONG	"TAKSANG"	Sunday,	21st Feb., 10 A.M.
* TIENTSIN via WEIHAIWEI	"CHEONGSHING"	Tuesday,	23rd Feb., D'light.
† SHANGHAI	"CHOYSANG"	Tuesday,	23rd Feb., D'light.
*‡SINGAPORE, PENANG & CALCUTTA	"FOOKSANG"	Tuesday,	23rd Feb., 3 P.M.
* SINGAPORE & PENANG	"ONSANG"	Wed'day,	24th Feb., 3 P.M.
‡ SANDAKAN	"HINSANG"	Thursday,	25th Feb., Noon.
*‡SINGAPORE, PENANG & CALCUTTA	"LAISANG"	Thursday,	25th Feb., D'light.
* SINGAPORE and PENANG	"CHUNSANG"	Friday,	26th Feb., 3 P.M.
†‡SHANGHAI, KOBE and MOJI	"NAMSANG"	Saturday,	27th Feb., 3 P.M.
* MANILA	"LOONGSANG"	Saturday,	27th Feb., 3 P.M.
* YOKOHAMA, KOBE and MOJI	"KUTSANG"	Wed'day,	3rd Mar., Noon.

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CHURCH SERVICES.

ST. JOHN'S CATHEDRAL, Hongkong. 1st Sunday in Lent, 21st February, 1915. Holy Communion (11.00 a.m.) Matins (11 a.m.) Responses; Ferial. Venite: Barnby. Psalms: of the 21st morning. Benedicte: Frost in D. Jubilate: Ayrton in E. Holy Communion (12 Noon). Hymns: 92, 259. *N.B.*—Psalm 105, verses 1, 2, 7, 8, 15, 31, 32, 33, 34, 44 in unison. Evensong (5.45 p.m.) Responses: Ferial. Psalms: Crotch Medley. Magnificat: Woodward (28th morning). Nunc Dimittis: Purcell (28th evening). Hymns: 85 (T46), 4, 93. Psalm 51, Felton.

UNION CHURCH, Kennedy Road. Sunday, February 21st. Morning Service at 11 a.m. Hymns, 393 and 514, Psalm 65, National Anthem. Preacher: Rev. J. Kirk Macconochie. Subject, "Is it right to pray for Victory?" Evening Service at 6 p.m. Rev. Noel B. Slater, S.M.S., Amoy.

UNCLAIMED TELEGRAMS.

The following is a list of unclaimed telegrams lying in the Eastern Extension, Australasia and China Telegraph Company's office at Hongkong:—

ADDRESS	FROM
Alex, M.	Darwin
Cheongyuen	Halphong
Fernandes, Aberdeen Road, No. 7, Top Floor	Macao
Henry, Victoria Theatre	Shanghai
Kwang Hing Lung	Nogaleaza
Liechong Loong	Biudjei
Serifa, 12, Bridges, st., Second Floor	Macao
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Sunheimer, Hongkong Hotel	Shanghai

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ADDRESS	FROM
Kowmoon Tiongho, No. 9, Yingkiai Street	Amoy
Shellisangmoh Yienchuntong, Canton Street	Shanghai
Kwongchonghang	Shanghai

WEATHER REPORT.

On the 19th at 11.30 a.m.—The anti-cyclone has passed into the Pacific. Another has formed over China.

Depressions lie over S. Manchuria and to the north of the Bonins.

Pressure has decreased considerably over N.E. China, and increased moderately from the Yangtze Valley to the South coast. It has increased slightly over Annam and the Philippines.

Hongkong rainfall for the 24 hours ending at 10 a.m. to-day, 0.00 inches.

The forecast for the 24 hours ending at noon to-day is as follows:—

DISTRICT.	FORECAST.
Hongkong & Neighbourhood	E. winds; fresh; fine.
Formosa Channel	N. wind, strong.
South coast of China between Hongkong and Lamocks	The same as No. 1.
South coast of China between Hongkong and Hainan	The same as No. 1.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS.

TO-DAY

11.30 a.m.—Humphreys' Estate & Finance Co., Ltd., Meeting of Shareholders at the Hongkong Hotel.

Noon—Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation Meeting of Shareholders at City Hall.

2.30 p.m.—Auction of a Valuable Collection of Antique China and Curios at Sales Rooms, by Mr. Geo. P. Lammert.

3 p.m.—Matinee Italian Grand Opera Co., at the Theatre Royal.—"Il Trovatore."

TO-NIGHT

9.15 p.m.—Italian Grand Opera Co., at the Theatre Royal.—"Carmen."

Monday, 22nd Feb.:—
Hongkong Race Meeting.—1st Day.
9.15 p.m.—Italian Grand Opera Co., at the Theatre Royal.—"Mignon."

Tuesday, 23rd Feb.:—
Hongkong Race Meeting.—2nd Day.
9.15 p.m.—Italian Grand Opera Co., at the Theatre Royal.—"Otello."

Wednesday, 24th Feb.:—
Hongkong Race Meeting.—3rd Day.
9.15 p.m.—Italian Grand Opera Co., at the Theatre Royal.—"Ernani."

Thursday, 25th Feb.:—
9.15 p.m.—Italian Grand Opera Co., at the Theatre Royal.—"Tosca."

Friday, 26th Feb.:—
11.30 a.m.—China Provident Loan & Mortgage Co., Ltd., Meeting of Shareholders.
9.15 p.m.—Italian Grand Opera Co., at the Theatre Royal.—"Barbiere de Seviglia."

Saturday, 27th Feb.:—
Hongkong Race Meeting.—Off Day.

Thursday, 4th March:—
Annual Flower and Vegetable Show of the Hongkong Horticultural Society in the Botanic Gardens.

Friday, 5th March:—
Annual Flower and Vegetable Show of the Hongkong Horticultural Society in the Botanic Gardens.

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LONDON VIA USUAL PORTS OF CALL	*MALTA* Capt. G. W. Cookman, R.N.R.	Noon. 26th Feb.	*See Special Advertisement.*
SHANGHAI, MOJI, KOBE and YOKOHAMA	NAMUR Capt. A. Collyer	About 28th Feb.	Freight and Passage.
SHANGHAI	SARDINIA Capt. J. T. Jeffery	About 1st Mar.	Freight and Passage.
LONDON VIA SINGAPORE, PENANG, COLOMBO, PORT SAID, and MARSEILLES	NAMUR Capt. A. Collyer	10 A.M. 31st Mar.	Freight and Passage.

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SAILINGS SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.

FOR	STEAMERS	TO SAIL
HAIPHONG	"SINGAN"	On 26th Feb. 9 A.M.
HOIHOW and HAIPHONG	"KAIFONG"	On 21st Feb. 9 A.M.
SHANGHAI	"LIANGCHOW"	On 21st Feb. 4 P.M.
MANILA, CEBU and ILOILO	"SUNGKIANG"	On 23rd Feb. 4 P.M.
MANILA, CEBU and ILOILO	"TEAN"	On 2nd Mar. 4 P.M.

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"HAITAN"	Capt. J. W. Evans	TUESDAY, 23rd Feb., at 1 P.M.
"HAIYANG"	Capt. A. E. Hodgins	FRIDAY, 26th Feb. at 1 P.M.
"HAICHING"	Capt. W. C. Passmore	TUESDAY, 2nd Mar., at 1 P.M.

FOR SWATOW AND RETURN.

(Occupying 3 Days).

"HAIMUN"	Capt. A. H. Stewart	SUNDAY,	21st Feb., at 10 A.M.
		WED'DAY,	24th Feb., at 1 P.M.

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Hongkong, 20th February, 1915. [3

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MAIL SCHEDULE
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STEAMER	ARRIVE HONGKONG FROM AUSTRALIA.	LEAVE HONGKONG FOR AUSTRALIA.
ALDENHAM	On 20th Feb.	On 24th Feb., 11 A.M.
ST. ALBANS		On 12th Mar., 11 A.M.

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Steamer	Displacement Tons and Speed.	Leave Hongkong.
SHINYO MARU	22,000—21 knots ...	TUES., 23rd Feb.
CHIYO MARU	22,000—21 knots ...	TUES., 23rd March.
TENYO MARU	22,000—21 knots ...	TUES., 13th April.
* NIPPON MARU	11,000 — 18 knots ...	TUESDAY, 27th April.

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ANYO MARU ...	16,5000—15 knots	Wednesday, 10th March.

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K. DOI, ACTING AGENT,
King's Building.

TELEPHONE 291. [216

MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.
FRENCH MAIL LINES.

FORTNIGHTLY SERVICE TO AND FROM JAPAN VIA SHANGHAI.

FORTNIGHTLY SERVICE TO AND FROM EUROPE VIA SUEZ CANAL.

OUTWARD

FOR	STEAMER	TO SAIL.
SHANGHAI, KOBE AND YOKOHAMA	ATLANTIQUE ...	On or about 26th February.

HOMEWARD

MARSEILLES VIA PORTS	VILLE DE LA CIOTAT ...	On 27th February.

ALL STEAMERS FITTED WITH WIRELESS.

TRANSHIPPING on the Co's Steamers at COLOMBO for CALCUTTA, (every four weeks), also at PORT SAID for the LEVANT, CONSTANTINOPLE and BLACK SEA.

Through Tickets to LONDON via PARIS by rail.

Circular Tickets to Europe via Suez and SIBERIAN ROUTE and *vice-versa* delivered here.

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OSAKA SHOSEN KAISHA.

REGULAR SERVICES.
PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.
(SUBJECT TO ALTERATION).

THE AMERICAN LINE TO TACOMA AND SEATTLE.

In Connection with

THE CHICAGO MILWAUKEE AND ST. PAUL RAILWAY Co

FOR VICTORIA AND TACOMA VIA MANILA, NAGASAKI, KOBE, YOKKAICHI AND YOKOHAMA.

Steamer	Captain		Leaving
"SEATTLE MARU" ...	T. Saito ...	MONDAY,	22nd Feb., at 3 P.M.
"MEXICO MARU" ...	N. Kobayashi ...	TUESDAY,	9th Mar., at 3 P.M.

These Newly-Built Steamers of American Line have fair speed and are fitted with the Wireless Apparatus. Best adapted rooms for carrying Silk, Treasure and Parcels.

FOR BOMBAY VIA SINGAPORE, PORT SWETTENHAM PENANG AND COLOMBO.

Steamer	Captain		Leaving
"HOKKAI MARU" ...	——— ...	SATURDAY,	20th Feb, at 10 A.M.

FOR FOOCHOW VIA SWATOW AND AMOY.

Steamer	Captain		Leaving
"KAIJO MARU" ...	Y. Yamamoto ...	SUNDAY,	21st Feb., at Noon.

FOR TAMSUI AND KEELUNG VIA SWATOW AND AMOY.

Steamer	Captain		Leaving
"DAIJIN MARU" ...	K. Murakami ...	SUNDAY,	21st Feb., at 10 A.M.

FOR ANPING AND TAKAO VIA SWATOW AND AMOY.

Steamer	Captain		Leaving
"SOSHU MARU" ...	K. Hattori ...	WED'DAY,	3rd Mar., at 8 A.M.

These Steamers of Coast and Formosa Line have Excellent accommodation for First Class Passengers and are fitted with Electric Light and Fans.

These Steamers will arrive at and depart from Soon Yip Wharf (near the Harbour Office).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, apply to

Y. ASAI,
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Second Floor, No. 1, Queen's Building.

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PENINSULAR & ORIENTAL
STEAM NAVIGATION CO.

PROPOSED SAILINGS OF MAIL STEAMERS
FOR
MARSEILLES AND LONDON.
TAKING PASSENGERS ALSO FOR
COLOMBO, INDIA, AUSTRALASIA, EGYPT, &c.
THROUGH TICKETS ISSUED TO BOSTON AND NEW YORK.

Connecting Steamer leaves YOKOHAMA	Steamers to COLOMBO.	Leave SHANGHAI	Leave HONGKONG	Connecting Steamers from COLOMBO to MARSEILLES and LONDON	Due at MARSEILLES	Due at PLYMOUTH (London 1 day later).
p.m. Thurs.			Noon.		Friday	Thursday
Mar. 1	MALTA	Feb. 22	Feb. 26	EGYPT	Mar. 27	Apr. 2
	SARDINIA ...	Mar. 8	Mar. 12	MEDINA	Apr. 10	Apr. 16
	NUBIA	Mar. 22	Mar. 26	MONGOLIA ...	Apr. 24	Apr. 30
Mar. 29	ORIENTAL ...	Apr. 6	Apr. 10	MALWA	May 8	May 14
Apr. 12	MALTA	Apr. 19	Apr. 23	MOREA	May 22	May 28
	SARDINIA ...	May 3	May 7	MALOJA	June 5	June 11
May 10	NUBIA	May 17	May 21	MOOLTAN	June 19	June 25

THE ATTENTION of Passengers is drawn to the ACCELERATED ARRIVAL of the Mail Steamers at Marseilles, Plymouth and London. These vessels will now arrive in Marseilles on Friday, and London on the following Friday.

Passengers change Steamers at COLOMBO.

Accommodation in the connecting Steamer from COLOMBO is definitely reserved in Hongkong at the time of Booking.

FARES:

The Fares to London and Marseilles are as follows:—

LONDON

1st Saloon	"A"	Accommodation	Single	£65.	Return	£97.
	"B"	"	"	£59	"	£89
2nd Saloon	"A"	"	"	£44.	"	£66.
	"B"	"	"	£40.	"	£60.

MARSEILLES

1st Saloon	"A"	Accommodation	Single	£61.	Return	£91.
	"B"	"	"	£55.	"	£83.
2nd Saloon	"A"	"	"	£42.	"	£63.
	"B"	"	"	£38.	"	£57.

IN ADDITION TO THE ABOVE MAIL STEAMERS INTERMEDIATE (NON-TRANSHIPMENT) STEAMERS WILL LEAVE FOR

LONDON
CARRYING 1ST AND 2ND SALOON PASSENGERS AT REDUCED RATES

PROPOSED SAILINGS:

STEAMERS.	Leave Y'HAMA	Leave SHANGHAI	Leave H'KONG	Leave S'PORE	Due at M'SEILLES	Due at LONDON
	about	about	about	about	about	about
NAMUR	Mar. 15	Mar. 26	Mar. 31	Apr. 6	May 4	May 12
NORE	Mar. 29	Apr. 9	Apr. 14	Apr. 20	May 18	May 27
NELLORE	Apr. 26	May 7	May 12	May 18	June 15	June 24
NAGOYA	May 10	May 21	May 26	June 1	June 29	July 8

These Steamers call also at PORT SWETTENHAM, PENANG and COLOMBO

FARES TO LONDON:
1st Saloon £50 Single; £75 Return. 2nd Saloon £35 Single; £52 Return

FARES TO MARSEILLES:
1st Saloon £46 Single. 2nd Saloon £33 Single.

All Passenger Steamers are fitted with the Marconi System of Wireless Telegraph.

THE ABOVE RATES ARE SUBJECT TO A SURTAX OF 10%

For Further Particulars, apply to—

E. A. HEWETT,
SUPERINTENDENT

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NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA
THE JAPAN MAIL STEAMSHIP CO

PROJECTED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG—

SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.

DESTINATIONS	STEAMERS AND DISPLACEMENT	TONS	SAILING DATES
MARSEILLES and LONDON VIA SINGAPORE, PENANG, COLOMBO, SUEZ and PORT SAID	§ KASHIMA MARU Capt. M. Yagi,	20,000	THURSDAY, 25th Feb., at Noon.
	§ MISHIMA MARU Capt. S. Wada,	16,000	TUESDAY, 11th March, at Noon.
VICTORIA, B.C., and SEATTLE VIA SHANGHAI MOJI, KOBE, YOKKAICHI and YOKOHAMA	§ YOKOHAMA MARU * Capt. Komatsubara,	12,500	TUESDAY, 23rd Feb., at Noon.
	§ AWA MARU Capt. T. Hori	12,500	MONDAY, 1st March at Noon.
SYDNEY and MELBOURNE, VIA MANILA, THURSDAY ISLAND, TOWNSVILLE and BRISBANE	§ NIKKO MARU Capt. R. Takeda	9,600	FRIDAY, 16th April, at 11 A.M.
	§ TANGO MARU Capt. Soyeda,	13,500	TUESDAY, 16th March at 4 P.M.
CALCUTTA VIA SINGAPORE PENANG and RANGOON ...	COLOMBO MARU Capt Nakamoto	12,000	TUESDAY, 23rd February.
BOMBAY via SINGAPORE, MALACCA and COLOMBO ...	KANAGAWA MARU Capt. Tozawa	5,000	FRIDAY, 5th March
SHANGHAI and KOBE ...	RANGOON MARU Capt. Nomura	12,000	SUNDAY, 21st February.
SHANGHAI and KOBE	TOSA MARU Capt. Takano,	12,000	SATURDAY, 20th February.
NAGASAKI, KOBE and YOKOHAMA	NIKKO MARU Capt. Yagi,	9,600	MONDAY, 15th Mar., at 10 A.M.
KOBE and YOKOHAMA ...	SUWA MARU Capt. Murai	20,000	TUESDAY, 23rd Feb., at 11 A.M.

§ Wireless Telegraphy. * Terminus Yokohama.

PASSENGER SEASON FOR 1915.

FOR EUROPE.

Steamers.	Displacement.	[Leave Hongkong.
KASHIMA MARU	20,000	... Thurs., 25th Feb.
MISHIMA "	16,000	" ... ... " 11th Mar.
SUWA "	25,000	" ... ... " 25th Mar.
ATSUTA "	15,000	" ... ... " 8th Apr.
YASAKA "	25,000	" ... ... " 22nd Apr.
MIYASAKI "	16,000	" ... ... " 6th May.
KITANO "	16,000	" ... ... " 20th May.
FUSHIMI "	25,000	" ... ... " 3rd June.

FOR AMERICA.

YOKOHAMA MARU	12,500	... ...	Tues., 23rd Feb.
AWA "	12,500	"	Mon., 1st Mar.
SHIDZUOKA "	12,500	"	Tues., 23rd Mar.
TAMBA "	12,500	"	" 6th Apr.
AKI "	12,500	"	" 20th Apr.
SADO "	12,500	"	" 4th May.

For Further Information as to Freight, Sailing, &c., apply to—

T. KUSUMOTO, MANAGER.

TELEPHONE Nos. 292 and 1241 [5

POST OFFICE NOTICE.

The *Chiyuen*, with the MAIL FROM LONDON (via Siberia) of Tuesday, the 19th ult., is due to arrive here to-day.

The *Mexico Maru*, with the AMERICAN MAIL ex *Persia*, is scheduled to arrive here to-day.

The *Shidzuoka Maru*, with the MAIL FROM LONDON (via Siberia) of Thursday, the 21st ult., is due to arrive here to-morrow.

The *Awa Maru*, with the AMERICAN MAIL ex *Korea*, is scheduled to arrive here on Sunday, the 28th inst.

FOR	PER	DATE
Haiphong	*Singan*	Saturday, 20th, 8.00 A M
Straits, Ceylon and India via Bombay ...	*Hokkai Maru* ..	Saturday, 20th, 9.00 A M
United States, South America, and Canada via San Francisco	*Sequoya*	Saturday, 20th, 10.00 A M
Swatow and Bangkok	*Drufar*	Saturday, 20th, 10.00 A M
SHANGHAI AND NORTH CHINA (EUROPE VIA SIBERIA) [Tientsin-Pukow Railway Shanghai Brit. P.O Thursday, 25th inst.]	*Titan*	Saturday, 20th, Registration .. 10.30 A M; Letters .. ... 11.00 A M
Philippine Is., Australia, Tasmania, New Zealand via Port Darwin and New Guinea via Thursday Island	*Taiyuan*	Saturday, 20th, 11.00 A M
Shanghai, North China, & Japan via Nagasaki	*Lennox*	Saturday, 20th, 11.00 A M
Shanghai and North China	*Agamemnon* ...	Saturday, 20th, 11.00 A M
Philippine Islands	*Yuensang* ...	Saturday, 20th, 2.00 P M
Japan via Kobe	*Kaga Maru* ...	Saturday, 20th, 2.00 P M
Saigon	*Devawongse* ...	Saturday, 20th, 3.00 P M
Hoihow and Haiphong	*Kaifong*	Saturday, 20th, 4.00 P M
Swatow, Amoy, Formosa via Tamsui ...	*Daijin Maru* ...	Sunday, 21st, 9.00 A M
Haiphong	*Taksang*	Sunday, 21st, 9.00 A M
Swatow	*Haimun* ...	Sunday, 21st, 9.00 A M
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	*Kaijo Maru* ...	Sunday, 21st, 9.00 A M
SHANGHAI and NORTH CHINA (EUROPE via SIBERIA) [Tientsin-Pukow Railway Shanghai Brit. P.O Thursday, 25th inst.]	*Liangchow* ...	Sunday, 21st, 9.00 A M
Japan via Kobe	*Suwa Maru* ...	Sunday, 21st, 9.00 A M
Singapore, Batavia, Cheribon, Samarang and Sourabaya	*Hokuto Maru* ...	Monday, 22nd, 9.00 A M
Shanghai, North China and Japan via Moji, Victoria, B.C., and Tacoma and United Kingdom via Canada ... ... (EUROPE via SIBERIA) [Tientsin Pukow Service Shanghai Brit. P.O. Thursday, the 25th inst.]	*Seattle Maru* ...	Monday, 22nd, Registration Letters ... Noon 1.00 P M
Weihaiwei and Tientsin	*Cheongshing* ..	Monday, 22nd, 4.00 P M
Shanghai and North China	*Choysang*	Monday, 22nd, 4.00 P M

BANKS

NEDERLANDSCH-INDISCH HANDELSBAN
(NETHERLANDS INDIA COMMERCIAL BANK.)

ESTABLISHED 1863.

Authorised Capital Fl. 30,000,000 (£2,500,000)
Paid-up Capital... Fl. 19,907,900 (£1,659,000)
Reserve Fund ..... Fl. 7,765,500 (£647,125)

HEAD OFFICE: AMSTERDAM.
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LONDON BANKERS:
THE WILLIAMS DEACONS BANK.
SWISS BANKVEREIN.

The Bank transacts every description of Banking and Exchange business, receives money on Current Account and on Fixed Deposit at rates which may be ascertained on application.

G. A. DUNLOP, Manager,
No. 8, Des Vœux Road Central.
Hongkong, 17th November, 1914. [12

THE CHARTERED BANK OF INDIA, AUSTRALIA AND CHINA.

INCORPORATED BY ROYAL CHARTER, 1853.
HEAD OFFICE—LONDON.

Paid-up Capital... ... ... £1,200,000
Reserve Fund £1,800,000
Reserve Liability of Proprietors £1,200,000

FOREIGN EXCHANGE and General Banking business transacted.
CURRENT ACCOUNTS opened and FIXED DEPOSITS received for 1 year & shorter periods at rates which will be quoted on application.

WM. DICKSON,
Manager.
Hongkong, 8th June, 1914. [118

HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

Paid-up Capital $15,000,000
Reserve Funds:—
Sterling
£1,500,000 at 2/- —$15,000,000
Silver... ... ... $18,000,000
$33,000,000
Reserve Liability of Proprietors $15,000,000

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On Current Account at the rate of Two per cent. per annum on the Daily Balances.
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For 3 months, 2½ per cent. per Annum.
For 6 months, 3½ per cent. per Annum.
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N. J. STABB,
Chief Manager.
Hongkong, 11th November, 1914. [9

THE MERCANTILE BANK OF INDIA, LIMITED.

Authorised Capital £1,500,000
Subscribed ,, ... 1,125,000
Paid-up ,, ... 562,500
Reserve Fund 465,000

BANKERS:
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and
LONDON JOINT STOCK BANK, LIMITED.

Every description of Exchange business transacted.
INTEREST allowed on Current Account at 2 per cent. per annum on Daily Balance and on Fixed Deposits at rates which may be ascertained on application.

A. E. LINTON,
Manager.
Hongkong, 10th July, 1913. [119

BANKS

INTERNATIONAL BANKING CORPORATION

HEAD OFFICE: Wall Street, New York.
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CAPITAL PAID-UP (U.S. Gold) $3,250,000
RESERVE FUNDS 4,060,000
(Gold) $7,310,000

All kinds of FOREIGN & LOCAL BANKING BUSINESS transacted.
CURRENT ACCOUNTS opened and FIXED DEPOSITS received at rates to be ascertained on application.

N. S. MARSHALL,
Manager
9, Queen's Road,
Hongkong, 22nd October, 1915. [193

THE BANK OF CHINA. GOVERNMENT BANK

(SPECIALLY AUTHORISED BY PRESIDENTIAL MANDATE OF 15TH APRIL, 1913.)
Authorised Capital ..... $60,000,000.
Paid-up Capital ..... $10,000,000.

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CANTON BRANCH:

Interest allowed on current account and Fixed Deposits. Terms on application. Every description of Banking business transacted; loans granted on approved securities. Special facilities for Home exchange.
Hongkong, 13th October, 1914. [152

THE BANK OF TAIWAN, LIMITED.

(INCORPORATED BY SPECIAL IMPERIAL CHARTER).

Capital Subscribed ... ... Yen 10,000,000
Capital Paid-up ... ... ,, 8,750,000
Reserve Funds ... ... ,, 3,790,000

President: KAZUYOSHI YAGIU, Esq.
Vice-President: KOJURO NAKAGAWA, Esq.

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Foochow	Kiukiang	Singapore	Takow
Giran	Kobe	Shinchiku	Tamsui
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LONDON BANKERS:—
PARR'S BANK,
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The Bank Transacts Every Description of General Banking and Exchange Business.
Interest allowed on Current Accounts and Fixed Deposits.

K. TSUDZURABARA
Manager.
Hongkong, 7th January, 1915. [116

COMMERCIAL.

CLOSING QUOTATIONS.

February 19th.

ON LONDON:—
Telegraphic Transfer 1/9⅛
Bank Bills, on demand.....1/9⅛
Bank Bills, at 30 days' sight 1/9⅛
Bank Bills, at 4 months' sight ...1/9⅜
Credits, at 4 months' sight 1/9⅝
Documentary Bills 4 months' sight 1/10
ON PARIS:—
Bank Bills, on demand 221½
Credits, at 4 months' sight 232
ON GERMANY:—
On demand .....nom.
ON NEW YORK:—
Bank Bills, on demand..... .....42⅜
Credits, at 60 days' sight .....nom.
ON BOMBAY:—
Telegraphic Transfer .....nom.
Bank, on demands 132½
ON CALCUTTA:—
Telegraphic Transfer..... ...nom.
Bank, on demand.....132⅛
ON SHANGHAI:—
Bank, at sight 78
Private, 30 days' sight ... . nom.
ON YOKOHAMA:—On demand.....87
ON MANILA:—On demand—Pesos—87½
ON SINGAPORE:—On demand.....75⅝
ON BATAVIA:—On demand.....107
ON HAIPHONG:—On demand .....61% p.m.
ON SAIGON:—On demand .....61% p.m.
ON BANGKOK:—On demand 87½
SOVEREIGNS, Bank's Buying Rate ...$11.10
GOLD LEAF, 100 fine, per tael $57.90
BAR SILVER, per oz. .....—

SUBSIDIARY COINS.

	per cent.
Hongkong...20 cents pieces...	$16.20 discount
Hongkong...10 ,, ...	$16.70 ,,

SHARE LIST.—QUOTATIONS.

HONGKONG, 19TH FEBRUARY, 1915.

STOCKS.	NO. OF SHARES.	VALUE	PAID UP.	CLOSING QUOTATIONS CASH.	RETURN ON BASIS OF LAST DIV'D.
BANKS.—					
Hongkong & S'hai Bank. Corporation	120,000	$125	all	{$810, buyers L'don	
China Borneo Company, Limited	60,000	$12	all	$10½, buyers	
China Light and Power Company, Ld. ...	50,000	$5	all	$4, sellers	
	50,000	$1	all	$3, buyers	
China Provident, Loan & Mortgage Co., Ld	200,000	$10	all		
COTTON MILLS.—					
Ewo Cotton Spin'g. & Weaving Co., Ld.	20,000	Tls. 50	all	Tls. 130 buyers	
Hongkong Cotton Spinning Co., Ld. (in Liquidation)	125,000	$10	all	$6.10, buyers	
Dairy Farm Company, Limited	40,000	$7½	all	$35, sellers	
DOCKS AND WHARVES.—					
H'kong. & Kowloon Wharf & G. Co., Ld.	60,000	$50	all	$63½, buyers	
H'kong. and Whampoa Dock Co., Ld...	50,000	$50	all	$57	
New Amoy Dock Co., Limited... ...	10,000	$63	all		
S'hai. Dock and Engineering Co., Ld.	55,700	Tls. 100	all	Tls. 51, buyers	
S'hai. and Hongkew Wharf Co., Ld....	36,000	Tls. 100	all	Tls. 90, buyers	
Green Island Cement Co., Limited.. ..	400,000	$10	all	$5½	
Hongkong Electric Co., Limited	60,000	$10	all	$41, buyers	
Hongkong Hotel Company Limited ...	20,000	$50	all	$124, buyers	
Hongkong Ice Company, Limited ...	5,000	$25	all	$190	
Hongkong Rope Manufacturing Co., Ld.	60,000	$10	all	$25, buyers	
H'kong. & South China Steam Fishers Co., Ld	15,000	$5	all	$2	
Hongkong Steel Foundry Co., Ld. ..	15,000	$10	all	$10	
Hongkong Tramway Co., Ld.	325,000	5/-	all	$5.10, sales	
INSURANCES.—					
(xton Insurance Office Co., Limited	10,000	$250	$50	$350, buyers	
China Fire Insurance Co., Limited ...	20,000	$100	$20	$150, sellers	
Hongkong Fire Insurance Co., Ld. ...	8,000	$250	$50	$395, buyers	
North-China Insurance Co., Limited	10,000	£15	£5	Tls. 100, buyers	
Union Insurance Society, Limited ...	12,400	$250	$100	$825, buyers	
Yangtsze Insurance Association, Ld ..	12,000	$100	$60	$225, buyers	
LANDS AND BUILDINGS.—					
H'kong. Land Invest. Agency Co., Ld	50,000	$100	all	$110	
Hongkong Central Estate, Ld. ...	10,000	$100	all	$95, buyers	
Hongkong Land Reclamation Co., Ld.	25,000	$100	$75	$200	
Humphreys' Estate and Finance Co., Ld	150,000	$10	all	$7, sellers	
Kowloon Land and Building Co., Ld.	6,000	$50	$30	$41	
Shanghai Land Investment Co., Ld. .	78,000	Tls. 50	all	Tls. 99	
West Point Building Co., Limited	12,500	$50	all	$63½	
Maatschappij tot Mijn-, Bosch-en Landbouw exploitatie in Langkat ...	250,000	Gds. 10	all	Tls. 41, sales	
MINING.—					
Chinese Engineering and M. Co., Ld.	1,000,000	£1	all	32/ , sellers	
Heawood Tin and Rubber Estate, Ld	822,000	2/-	all		
Rand Australian Gold Mining Co., Ld	200,000	£1	all	$3½, sellers	
Tronoh Mines, Limited	160,000	£1	all	27/6 sellers	
Peak Tramways Co., Limited ..	25,000	$10	all	$10½	
	25,000	$10	$1	$1	
Pulpes et Papeteries du Tonkin Societe des	13,200	$50	all		
REFINERIES.—				buy.	
China Sugar Refining Co., Limited	20,000	$100	all	$110, sal./103,	
Luzon Sugar Refining Co., Limited .	7,000	$100	all	$18½, sal. & buy.	
STEAMSHIP COMPANIES.—					
China and Manila Steamship Co., Ld..	30,000	$25	all	$5, buyers	
Douglas Steamship Co., Limited.	20,000	$50	all	$39, sellers	
H'kong., Canton & Macao S.B. Co., Ld.	30,000	$15	all	$22½, buyers	
Indo-China Steam Navigation Co., Ld	60,000 pref. 60,000 def.	£5	all	$36, sellers	
Shell Transport & Trading Co., Ld	2,500,000	£1	all	84/-, buyers	
Star Ferry Company, Limited ..	40,000	$10	all	$38, sellers	
South China Morning Post, Limited ..	6,000	$25	all	$28	
Steam Laundry Company, Limited ..	20,000	$5	all	$4, sellers	
STORES AND DISPENSARIES.—					
Powell, Wm., Limited	15,000	$7	all	$5, sellers	
Watson & Co., A. S., Limited ..	90,000	$10	all	$7, sellers	
Union Waterboat Co., Limited	50,000	$10	all	$17	

Loans.	Amount.	Value.	Interest.	Quotation.
Chinese Imperial 1898	Tls. 767,200.	Tls. 250	7% p. annum	Par.

VERNON & SMYTH, *Share Brokers.*

BANKS

HONGKONG SAVINGS BANK.

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	Previous Day at 2 p.m.	On Date at 6 a.m.	On Date at 2 p.m.
Barometer	30.10	30.22	30.19
Temperature	60	51	60
Humidity	82	64	58
Wind Direction ...	NNE	N	W
,, Force	2	1	2
Weather	o	b	b
Rain	—	—	—

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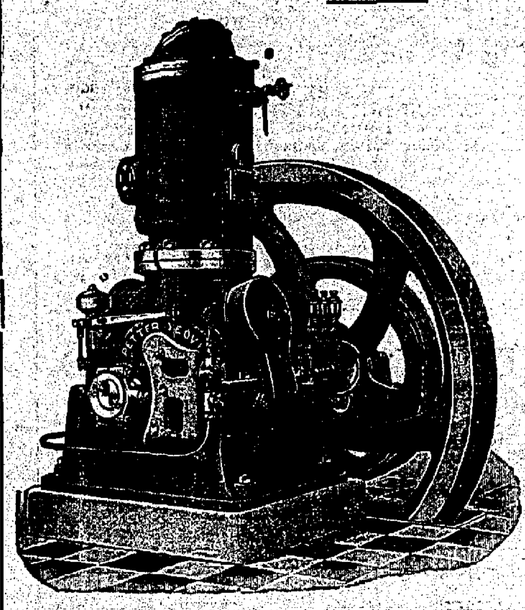

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